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omestic Partners Goes To Senate Floor



Richard Katz

by Marghe Covino B.A.R. Capitol Correspondent

SACRAMENTO - Assembly Bill 2810, the domestic partners legislation authored by Assemblymember Richard Katz, Assemblymember Richard Katz, D-Panorama City, having passed in the Assembly by a vote of 42 to 30, then passed California's Senate Judiciary Committee before the Legislature's summer hiatus. On Monday, August 8, the bill was – in the jargon of the Capitol – "twentyeight point eighted" out of Senate Appropriations and will most likely reach the Senate floor by Thursday, August 11. The 28.8 rule tradition ally allows the movement of a bill out of committee when that bill is perceived as not having any fiscal impact and automatically passes it to the Senate floor.

As it has made its way through the legislature, the bill has taken on a decidedly "un-gay" spin. According to its author, Katz, the bill is not a gay rights issue. "Gays

make up only two percent of the people who will be affected by this bill, there are a great many more senior citizens who will be able to share their lives without having to risk their Social Security or Medicare or some other income they would have to forfeit if they

Indeed, a broad-based coalition of senior citizens groups, religious, medical, and human rights organizations have been brought together by the L.I.F.E./AIDS Lobby to sup-

A number of daily newspapers, including the Los Angeles Times and the Fresno Bee, support the bill, and the Sacramento Bee has

printed editorial endorsements.

Lambda Community Center
Executive Director Joanna Cassese
said, "It's gratifying to know that the Legislature recognizes that all people, and particularly those who have limited time left in their lives, need to have someone they can take
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Absolutely Fabulous

Royalty greets their subjects. Miss GAPA '94 Monistat 7-Eleven and Mr. GAPA '94 Joey take their first runway walk at the annual Miss GAPA pageant August 6 to the delight of the masses assembled. Both were not only the judges' favorites but also the crowd's.

Japanese-**Americans** Support Equality

hy Dennis Conkin
After three months of bitter controversy, the Japanese American Citizen League has voted to uphold a resolution that approves of lesbian and gay marriages.

Of the 114 JACL chapters across the country, 50 chapters voted to approve the resolution at the agency's national convention in Salt Lake City, Utah. Only 36 voted to rescind the measure, 11 chapters abstained, and four split their votes during the Saturday, August 6 vote.

The vote followed emotional pleas for – and against – the measure, which opponents claimed would split the group and caused an exodus of members.

According to Carole Hayashino, associate director of the San Francisco JACL chapter, the issue was "passionately debated" at the grassroots level of the organization.

"We may lose some members," Hayashino acknowl(Continued on page 15)

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Way To Go, Buzz...

Local Gay Man, Condoms Win Design Award

by Dennis Conkin

A condom package designed by Buzz Bense, the co-founder of San Francis-co's popular membership club EROS, a Center For Safe Sex, has been awarded a silver "Addy" for package

design.
The Addy Awards are the largest and most representa-tive advertising competition in the United States, recog-nizing the best materials pro-duced in all areas of media for local, regional, and national ads.

Bense created the package, designed to be sex-positive and gender- and sexual orientation-neutral, for Kimono Sensation and Kimono Sensation and Kimono Sensation Plus, two condoms manufactured by Laboratories Bense said he collaborated with Kimono president David Mayer and the entire staff of Mayer Labs to come up with "a young, vibrant product that exudes quality but it also looks like fun.

"We were targeting a younger market that we think needs to become accustomed to using con-doms," he said. Part of that approach was to avoid stereotypical heterosexual packaging, such as a man and woman walking on a beach in the sunset.

"I thought we had an excellent product, so I submitted [for Addy consideration], and the jury agreed."

The competition received over 800 entries in the fields of advertising, sales promo-tions, newsletters, musical scores, and packaging

design.

Contest judges were experts in advertising, pho-

tography, design, and copy-writing, and were not required to give awards in each category, according to Mayer Labs.

The award comes at a time when national condom sales are down, according to a recent survey, even though the Centers For Disease Control estimates one in 100 men and one in 800 women in the United States have

in the United States have HIV infection.

According to an editorial in Condoms Times, a Mayer Labs publication, drug and grocery store sales of condoms show a drop in annual sales from \$240.2 million to \$2320 0 million from \$240.2 million from \$2 \$238.9 million from 1993 to

Kimono and Kimono Sensation's packaging seems to be working to reverse that trend. "Sales have been good," Bense told the Bay Area Reporter.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Feinstein Fights for \$30M More in AIDS Funding

by Kent Brandley

California Senator Dianne Feinstein was cattornia Senator Dianne reinstein was instrumental in acquiring \$30 million in additional funding for AIDS housing from Congress, raising the total from \$156 million to \$186 million, but while local AIDS administrators are apprecia-

but while local AIDS administrators are appreciative, they say it is still not enough.

According to the Congressional Record, the AIDS housing funding was increased on Wednesday, August 3 by an additional \$30 million at the behest of Feinstein and – surprisingly – the conservative Republican Senator from New York, Alfonse D'Amato.

"Originally there was no funding increase pro-

'Originally, there was no funding increase prooriginally, there was no fulfilling increase proposed for this program," Feinstein said. "That was unacceptable. In fact, with a 31.4 percent increase in the nation's AIDS caseload, this would have amounted to a cut."

Feinstein expressed appreciation to her colleagues on the Appropriations Committee, particularly Senator Barbara Mikulski, D-Maryland,

ularly Senator Barbara Mikulski, D-Maryland, Appropriations Committee chairwoman.

A news release from Feinstein's office said Mikulski listened to Feinstein's concerns and agreed with them. Locally, however, AIDS activists accused Mikulski of dragging her feet.

Feinstein had actually asked for more, they said. She and D'Amato were pushing for at least \$212 million.

\$212 million.
Paul A. DiDonato, public policy associate for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, called the \$30 million increase ple with AIDS." "a marginal victory for peo-



Dianne Feinstein

However, DiDonato told the Bay Area Reporter, "We needed \$212 million to hold the line," or about 14 percent more than was authorized. The funds will be distributed by formula

rized. The funds will be distributed by formula grants to highly impacted cities, he explained.
"Now is not the time for our nation to turn its back on people with AIDS," Feinstein said in a statement. "This is one program that works well. We know that approximately 15 percent of our homeless population suffers from HIV infection." Feinstein is a member of the Senate Veteran's Administration/Housing Urban Development Appropriations Subcommittee, which has jurisdiction over funding for the AIDS housing program. She is also a member of the influential Senate Appropriations Committee – the first Californian

She is also a member of the influential Senate Appropriations Committee – the first California in 24 years to serve on that body.

California currently has six HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS) areas – Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, Oakland; Orange County, and Riverside/San Bernardino – the most of any state. Sonoma is expected to be added this year the statement from Feinstein's added this year, the statement from Feinstein's office indicated.

People with HIV often lose their jobs, then their homes. Without an address people often can-not access otherwise available social services.

not access otherwise available social services. Without housing, people are often forced to stay in scarce acute hospital beds in overburdened county hospitals. This only serves to drive up the overall cost of patient care," Feinstein said.

Bob Nelson, manager of HIV services for Catholic Charities in San Francisco, offered a word of caution and an additional word of praise. "It's not a done deal," he said. "It must still go to a Conference Committee [a House and Senate joint body that will iron out any possible differences].

"There still may be a battle in the Conference Committee for the \$30 million," he told the *B.A.R.*"The whole experience has been a lesson to the

AIDS activist community that we do not have enough advocates for HIV housing in Washington. Nelson warmly praised Aimee Berenson, a dedicated housing advocate at the AIDS Action Council, and called the \$30 million "a victory for her." Berenson is the only paid AIDS advocate working on housing in Washington, D. C., Nelson said

"It's clear that we need more advocates for AIDS housing in Washington," Nelson added. The situation is still evolving, he said.

Alioto to Clinton: 'Get Off the Pot'

by Kent Brandley

Maybe he should have inhaled.

Expressing her "profound disappointment" over U.S. President Bill Clinton's decision to uphold the George Bush-ordered ban on the medicinal use of marijuana, President of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors Angela Alioto has

Francisco Board of Supervisors Angela Alioto has accused the Democrat of acting a little too much like his Republican predecessors.

"As a presidential candidate," Alioto reminded Clinton in a recent letter, "you campaigned to provide strong leadership by establishing policy that would meet the needs of people with life-threatening illnesses, such as AIDS and cancer, and abander the failed policies of the Pacear Plank desiries. don the failed policies of the Reagan/Bush admin-

"However, I find myself increasingly con-cerned with the direction you are taking towards people with life-threatening illness. These people have the right to access all conventional and non-conventional medical treatments. It has been proven again and again that medicinal marijuana provides significant relief and improves the quality of life for people with AIDS, cancer and glau-

Alioto's letter to the President comes as the California Assembly considers Senate Bill 1364, authored by San Francisco Senator Milton Marks and already approved by the Senate and scheduled to be heard by the Assembly Thursday, August 11. It would legalize the medical use of marijuana by prescription in California.

In her letter to the Clinton, the Board of Supervisors President introduces a personal note: "My husband died of cancer, and during the final stages of his illness was provided with marijuana to relieve his pain. During this time he was cog-nizant of his surroundings and our four children. Once President Bush instituted the ban on medicinal marijuana, my husband no longer had access to medication that had greatly improved his quali-

Alioto backed up her letter to Clinton with resolutions introduced to the Board of Supervisors, calling on the President to reconsider the decision to uphold the ban imposed by Bush on medicinal marijuana and also to lift the ban on federal fund-

marjuana and also to lift the ban on receral fund-ing for needle exchange programs.

"Study after study has shown that marijuana provides much needed relief to people suffering from life-threatening illnesses," Alioto said. "How can the President deny an AIDS patient the ability to choose an alternative treatment which can greatly enhance their quality of life?"

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Alioto's resolution says the Clinton
Administration chose to uphold the Bush ban on Administration chose to uphold the Bush ban on medicinal marijuana, despite studies by the National Academy of Sciences that have shown marijuana to be a safe and effective medicine in the treatment of a variety of medical conditions, alleviating symptoms of nausea and appetite loss cuffered by cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy and AIDS patients.

The Board of Supervisors passed both resolutions Monday, August 8. ▼

Castro Crime Suspects Arrested

by Dennis Conkin

Two members of a gang of teenagers marauding through the Castro in the early morning hours of Monday, August 8 got more than they bargained for when a gay man called the cops and had them arrested.
"About 1455 in the morning

"About 1:45 in the morning, my friend and I heard this awful crash and the sound of glass breaking," the complainant, whose identity has been withheld until prosecution of the case is complete, told the B.A.R.

case is complete, told the B.A.R.

"I looked out my window
and saw that my scooter had
been flipped over and smashed,"
he continued, "and I saw six
kids running down the street."

When the man left his house
near 18th and Diamond to check
the domace he discovered the

the damage, he discovered the youths had overturned and seriously damaged his scooter and a ously damaged his scooler and a motorcycle, knocked over news-paper racks, and smashed a brick into the windshield of a white Nissan 300ZX. Outraged, the man decided to

Outraged, the man decided to give chase.
"I wanted someone to catch these sons of bitches," he said. "I got down to 18th and Collingwood and told them that the police had been called and they were in deep shit."
The alleged vandals were Hispanic youths between the ages of 14-16, according to the complainant.

complainant.

"A couple tried to start some "A couple tried to start some shit with me, but the rest took a beeline down 18th Street. They yelled 'fuck you, faggot, why don't you come over here and suck my dick' and 'come over here and I'll hurt you,"' he said.

In fact, the man had not yet called 911 when he first spoke with the youths, but he called immediately afterwards, and the police promptly responded

police promptly responded – and made two arrests. He was driven by police to the arrest site, where he positively identi-

fied the suspects.

"They were pissed. The 14-year-old also looked terrified," he said. The suspects were booked at Youth Guidance Center on hate crimes and property destruction charges.

Only the latest incident The incident is the latest in a

string of recent crimes in the Castro, including last week's robbery at Eureka Bank, a hold-up at Double Rainbow, and a robbery at the Bead Store.

Paul Caruso, owner of Crystal Way and The Bead Store, believes the incidents reflect the increasing despera-

"Unfortunately, it's a product of the times," Caruso told the Bay Area Reporter. "There is a lot of poverty, and we are coming up with some very desperate and very ill people."

Caruso believes there needs to be increased police protection in the Castro, and also said that merchants need to continue to be vocal in pressing their safety concerns with City Hall and with elected representatives.

In one series of incidents, several Castro area stores were held up by a robber who claimed to be a person with AIDS who needed the cash.

However dubious or depress-

ing the claim by the robber, in one recent instance, SFPD Patrol Special Al Stancombe says the suspect caught in the act of stealing the coins from a pay phone did have the disease.

"He had a prescription for Septra in his pocket and open sores on his face. He was gay, He lived in a Sixth Street hotel. He was from [out of state] and he had AIDS and said he was here because of the health care," Stancombe told the B.A.R.
Officers confiscated tools —

Officers confiscated tools – including an ice-pick – that the man allegedly used to snag the coins, and he was photographed and warned after consultation with Pacific Bell investigators.

No charges were filed.

Since May 23, Patrol

Specials have made an estimat-

two dozen arrests in the (Continued on page 27)



Sweaty Palms

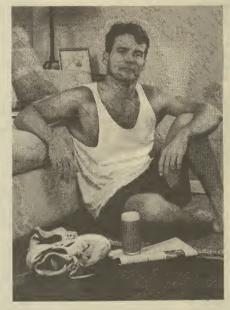
Supervisor Carole Migden presses the flesh of potential voters during a neighborhood walk for visibility (she's running for Board president in November) in the Castro District

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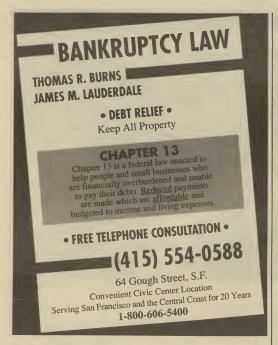
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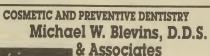


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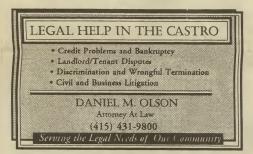




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Jackie R

Empress Jackie XXVIII was remembered in several ways: a memorial service, a party at Marlena's and one final fundraiser. Here Jackie's Emperor David Nyberg and Empress XXV Marlena pose August 7 in front of a wall of hearts, purchased by friends in memory of Empress Jackie Reyolds, 1951-1994.

Blood Sisters: Strong Women Help Men in Need

An American concept - right up there with baseball and apple pie – is that of selfless humani-

pine is that of selfless humanitarianism, typified by the Boy Scout who helps the poor little old lady across the busy street.

But add to that picture strong women, mostly lesbians, who for the better part of the last decade have helped ailing men in a period of desperate need.

An urgent appeal for blood in 1985 led to the establishment of the AIDS/ARC Blood Fund by the Harvey Milk Club's Lesbian Caucus, and has generated an outpouring of support from women of the Bay Area ever since. Today, thanks to the continued support of the Women's Day Blood Drive, a remarkable alleviation of transfusion costs to persons with fusion costs to persons with HIV has been achieved.

HIV has been achieved.

The original slogan used in 1985, reminiscent of a war effort, was "our boys need blood." Today the slogan has been changed to "Our PWAs (people with AIDS) need blood." The new slogan recognizes the sad reality that women get AIDS too.

nizes the sad reality that women get AIDS too.

This year's tenth annual Women's Day Blood Drive is scheduled for Saturday, August 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sponsored by the Harvey Milk AIDS Education Find the AIDS Cale AIDS Education Fund, the event will be held at Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in the Castro.

"The use of various drug therapies in combating the effects of HIV has resulted in the periodic need for blood transfusions in some patients,"
Lenore Chinn, AIDS/ARC
Blood Fund coordinator, told the Bay Area Reporter.
"Because of this and the usual critical shortage of blood during the summer months, we continue to schedule our annual event. giving many an opportunity to demonstrate support of those with HIV in a very real and practical way."

Each summer the blood drive has attracted an estimated

100 to 150 women, many of whom had never donated blood before, Chinn said.

"While our fund was started primarily by lesbians respond-ing to the call for community efforts in combating the AIDS eriors in combating the AIDS epidemic, it has since grown to include donors from all walks of life. As with other major events centered around the health crisis, we have found it has had a profound effect on many women interested in making a difference," Chinn added.

Because current blood bank guidelines restrict many from blood credits in their own behalf, the need for eligible donors continues to be vital, organizers indicated.

A mobile unit from Irwin Memorial Blood Bank of the San Francisco Medical Society
will set up donor tables in the
cafeteria of Most Holy
Redeemer Church.

In an effort to provide ade-

waiting, women interested in donating are asked to call 863-

donating are asked to call 863-6761 for an appointment. For women who can't make it on August 20, appointments can be scheduled at another time for donations to the Harvey Milk AIDS Education Fund at Irwin Memorial Blood

Bank directly.

"We would like to emphasize that this blood fund makes blood credits available to all patients with HIV and may also be requested by friends, family, and nursing support services," Chinn said.

Chinn said.

Unfortunately, that impetus for donating blood may be in jeopardy. Chinn updated drive activity and told the B.A.R., "I have been recently informed by the blood bank that the discretization of the second se that they are discontinuing the blood credit system effective September I, and I am just not sure what the outcome will be on the drive." ▼ on the drive.



I vant your blood! Karen Kircher (foreground) takes her turn on the table, donating the red stuff during the eighth annual Women's Day Blood Drive.

Pick Up Your '94 'Passport' at Macy's

by Kent Brandley

The Magic Johnson Foundation, Project Open Hand, and the University of California San Francisco AIDS Programs will be the three beneficiaries of Macy's 12th Annual Passport fall fashion show and AIDS fundraiser.

Passport '94 "FibreOptic" will be presented in San Francisco September 22 and 23 at Fort Mason Center. Earvin "Magic" Johnson is celebrity chair of the event, which Macy's hopes will entertain an audience of 5,000 over two evenings.

On opening night, Michael Steinberg, Macy's West chairman and chief executive officer, will host a black tie gala for 700 guests featuring a very special dinner created and prepared by winners of the first Robert Mondavi Culinary Award of Excellence: Elka Gilmore (Elka, Liberte), George Morrone (Aqua), and Nancy Oakes (Boulevard).

Liberte), George Morrone (Aqua), and Nancy Oakes (Boulevard).

Dr. Paul Volberding, chief of the AIDS Program and of the Division of Medical Oncology at the UCSF-affiliated San Francisco General Hospital, and his wife Dr. Molly Cooke, chair-elect of the Project Open Hand Board of Directors, are honorary chairs of the gala. Committee co-chairs include Robert and Margrit Mondavi and Ellen Newman.

The Magic Johnson Foundation was founded in December, 1991 as a public charity by Johnson. Its mission



Macy's Passport '94 FibreOptic fashion show and AIDS fundraiser committee members (left to right) chef Elka Gilmore, Dr. Paul Volberding, Ellen Newman and Dr. Merle Sande discuss plans for their opening night black-tie dinner September 22.

is to fund HIV/AIDS organizations specializing in education, prevention, and care for young

people.
Project Open Hand is the world's largest food program for people with AIDS, offering home-delivered hot meals, bags of groceries, and nutrition counseling to over 2,800 men, women and children in Alameda and San Francisco counties. Funds generated by Passport will sponsor all of the meals for

will sponsor all of the meals for the week of Thanksgiving. Passport will enable the University of California San Francisco to launch a groundbreaking UCSF/Macy's AIDS Program in Creative Therapies that will bring together the work of UCSF clinicians and researchers, the biotechnology industry, and academic scientists from around the country for the intense development of new AIDS therapies

tists from around the country for the intense development of new AIDS therapies.

Since 1988 Macy's Passport fashion shows have raised \$1.2 million for AIDS organizations and have become one of the country's foremost AIDS fundraisers.

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EDITORIAL

Fair Enough

It's always a joy to get out in the sunshine for the city's various street fairs, so we're delighted to see the whole season kicked off pretty successfully on Dore Alley last weekend.

Street fairs like Dore, Castro, and Folsom bring in thousands of visitors from around the world, plus millions of their very distinctive marks and yens... The Folsom Street Fair, its organizers say, is California's third-largest attractor of visitors; only the Rose Bowl parade in Pasadena and San Francisco's own Gay and Lesbian Freedom Day Parade draw more. We think it's important that the city recognize the fair's financial importance, and acknowledge that it gets more expensive and difficult to produce each year. And since it is not currently eligible for moneys from the city's hotel tax fund, it would be nice if officials could think of some other creative way to show some real support for such an important event. After all, that fund is enriched by all the gay men and lesbians who come to those hotels to join in the celebrations.

Of course, Folsom and the other fairs are important for more than simple crass economics. They also provide a place where we can get together and take a look at ourselves, free of the pres-sures of major political marches: it's easier to be ourselves when the entire history of the movement is not on the shoulders of every celebrant, so it seems easier at the more casual fairs to see who everyone really is, underneath it all.

Last weekend, a few fairgoers made it very easy to get a very close look underneath it all...

Fair to Maudin
Some may carp about the nudity on display on Dore Alley, but nudity seems harmless enough, despite the current anti-sex craze that seems to be gripping America. What bothered us a lot more than the infrequent flesh flash was the occasional testiness that surfaced, and the few scuffles that occurred both at the fair and in some adjacent South of Market bars on Sunday. Too much alcohol makes a number of normally decent people rather unattractive, but it seemed there was more involved here, an accelerating factor that has concerned us for some time: speed.

This isn't about morality: people who do speed aren't "bad."
They just become bad when they do it. Some, as we mentioned, become abrasive; some get maudlin; some get artificial: virtual-

Whoever is pushing crystal to the community is doing it no favors. Anyone who offers you a line is offering to poison you. If they do it to get you to have sex with them, that's abuse; if you accept on those terms, that's prostitution – and selling yourself

accept on those terms, that's prostitution – and selling yourself very short.

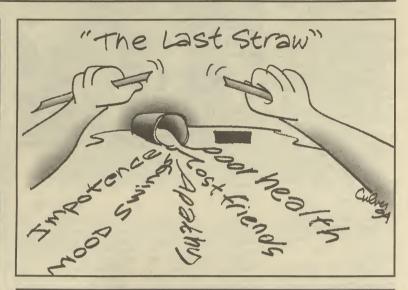
Southern California has already sunk into the white powdery quicksand; now the drug is making its way up the coast, like that swarm of killer bees, except that it's a lot more worrisome. It kills ambition, erections, a sense of community – and, eventually, a lot of those who use it. It's hard enough fighting for our rights against a well-organized opposition without having to take time out for mood swings, to fight among ourselves, and to bury any more of each other.

If you have a passion for crystal, there is no better time to stop.

If you have a passion for crystal, there is no better time to stop than right now. Some gay-positive places that can help to do that

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The latter two are inpatient facilities; the first three handle outpatients. The list is not complete, just a beginning. But that is, after all, all some people need. A beginning. \blacktriangledown



GUEST OPINION

Billy – A Lesson in Family Values Note the Lee LaGrone In the recent past, many of the religious right and conservatives have vilified gays and lesbians as a wickedness that threatens to destroy the family. Supposedly, homosexuality attacks and eats away at family values. Gay or not, my friend is loved and valued by his family.

by Kheven Lee LaGrone

n the recent past, many of the religious right and conservatives have vilified gays and lesbians as a wickedness that threatens to destroy the family. Supposedly, homosexuality attacks and eats away at family values. Blinded by what they call a "decadence," many have overlooked the gays and lesbians who build and support their families.

So these religious right and conservatives may overlook Billy, one of my closest friends. He's a very religious gay man with no children – leaving him with energy and "disposable" income to assist his siblings who have children. In the traditional black family, the raising of children is often shared by all the adults in the family. Billy often purchased clothes and prepared meals for family members. And when financial assistance was needed, Billy's money spent as well as his non-gay siblings.

And Billy contributed because he loved and valued his family. He felt a responsibility to them.

them.

The family responded to Billy's devotion.

Many times I'd accompany Billy to his sister's home. One of his many nieces and nephews would spot him, yell "Look! Uncle Billy!" and they'd all race to be the first to greet their uncle.

I remember our visiting his three-year-old nephew in the hospital. The child was sulking and pouting until he heard his uncle's voice. The child looked-up and I saw his little face light up instantly. As long as his Uncle Billy was there, the child talked and played. But when our visit ended, the poor child cried and begged his uncle not to leave him.

And still another time, a 28-year-old niece

his family.

And Billy's investment in his family has And Billy's investment in his family has repaid abundantly. When Billy became sick with AIDS, his family "mobilized" tightly around him. There's always a family member living with him, caring for him. When I visited him in the hospital, his room was full of family – many of whom I'd already met. Whenever he needs to be becked a family member tyles him. Since go to church, a family member takes him. Since his sickness, he has never been alone (trying to visit – or even to even telephone – Billy, one must often work through a fortress of family).

And family bonds became even stronger as everyone rallied together for this crisis.

Is it fair for anyone to accuse Billy of insidiously eroding the family? NO! Billy is committed to his family. For Billy, nothing is more important than God and family. His family's not confort They've had their growing pains, but over the years, Billy and his family have developed a mutual respect and understanding. I assume the religious right and conservatives value such mutual respect and understanding in a family.

Gay or not, Billy shows that family values begin in the heart.

But the religious right may never visit our Black community to witness the love between Billy and his family. It's too bad, because they will miss an opportunity to see how love – not scathing condemnation – built a strong family.

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Bible Lessons

Regarding the rabid right's constant opposition to the current administration, I wonder how do they reconcile the first seven verses of Romans thirteen with their hatefulness?

"Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment.

Richard W. Shubert

The Editor responds: Interestingly, one of the administration's worst critics condemned a fellow administration's worst critics condemned a fellow clergyman a decade ago with these words, for criticizing then-President Reagan: "I am appalled that a minister of the Gospel would show disrespect for the President of the United States by calling him a lian I am appalled at the disrespect you would show to the leadership when you, as a minister, are told, by the Bible you teach and preach. to respect and honor the King and to obey the pow-ers that be because they are ordained of God." The writer of that admonition? Jerry Falwell.

Bureaucracy Blues

I am sending you this letter requesting that you will publish my experiences with one of our community organizations, in the hope that no one else will have to undergo the negative experiences I

I am a frequent contributor to causes that affect I am a frequent contributor to causes that affect our community and wish to select those who utilize these resources to their fullest potential. One of the organizations I had chosen to donate to was the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. On March 14, 1994, I sent the NGLTF a donation in the amount of \$250. Along with my donation I requested a letter confirming receipt of the donation, not much to ask for from my perspective. By May 6th I had not heard anything from the NGLTF, even though they promptly cashed my check on March 29th. I called and spoke with Lynn Sutton in the Washington DC office. She promised that a letter would be sent out to me that day.

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After waiting for over one month without receiving anything from the NGLTF, I attempted to contact Ms. Sutton again. This time I called the 800 number I had used previously, only to find that it had been disconnected with no forwarding number. Not a good sign. It took quite awhile for me to locate a telephone number that someone asystem. locate a telephone number that someone answered, and when I did I was "greeted" by an extremely rude receptionist who accused me of lying about their phone number and hung up on me. I left several messages over the next few weeks for Lynn, and never received even one call back. I finally called and reached her on July 5th, and once again she committed to mailing me confirmation of my

she committed to mailing me confirmation of my donation that very day.

After waiting over one week, I called and requested to speak with the executive director, whom I am told is Peri Jude Radecic. I received her voice mail and left a detailed message of my request and the experiences I have had. As of this moment, I have yet to receive even a short phone call from anyone at the NGLTF acknowledging my request, not to mention the simple letter I am seeking, acknowledging my donation of \$250.

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My purpose in sending this letter is to alert our community of the inexcusable operation of the NGLTF. Our community needs organizations that are responsive and can address gay and lesbian related issues with efficiency. The NGLTF has definitively proven that they cannot step up to that challenge, and my fear is that they have been exposed to the Washington bureaucracy so much that they too have become just another fat, resource wasting drain. I for one will never support the NGLTF again, and wish to warn the community to investigate the performance of the NGLTF before giving their support.

Timothy H. White Mill Valley, CA

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I am writing to tell you about the overwhelming participation of the employees, family and friends of the Emporium department stores in this year's San Francisco AIDS Walk.

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walkers. Overall, the Emportum team raised an estimated \$100,000.

We're proud of our commitment to this year's San Francisco AIDS Walk. We'll see you next year with what we expect will be an even bigger team.

William J. Ihle Vice President, Public Affairs Broadway Stores Inc. Los Angeles

Feinstein Flashback

The California Farm Bureau Federation does not represent the family farmers as Wayne Friday absurdly claimed. They represent the corporate agribusiness interests that are "The Harvest of Shame" so movingly described by Edward R.

Murrow many years ago.

I'm not at all surprised that they endorsed Feinstein, because she is the epitome of the reactionary corporate special interest pol they usually endorse. I wonder what deals she made with them to get their endorsement.

Most of us would not repeal the Fourth and Second Amendments to the Constitution in order Anoth of the would not repeal the Fourth and second Amendments to the Constitution in order to "fight crime" as Feinstein would. Nor do we share her enthusiasm for U.S. military imperialism, the death penalty, three strikes, censorship, and numerous other bad statist causes that she has endorsed over the years. She was a terrible, twice-defeated (1971 & 1975) candidate for mayor, who only got in after her political ally on the board of stupes knocked off the mayor. Or doesn't Friday's memory go back this far?

As mayor she was a disaster for the neighborhoods and unleashed a reign of terror by the SFPD that the city is still paying off in lawsuits. Her belated pro-choice stance (when she decided she needed NOW's endorsement in 1990) is also matched by Huffington. Her re-election will effectively disenfranchise 50 percent of the voters because it will cement rightwing, corporate dominance of both parties.

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Let Huffington join the rightwing weirdos (Hayakawa, Murphy, Curb) that Californians like to elect (for one term). This way progressives have a chance of taking back the Democrats. Perhaps Friday should go to work for Feinstein as a PR flak during her remaining five months in the Senate. Or is be on the payed largady? is he on the payroll already?

> Michael Hardesty Oakland

Straight Talk

Thomas M. Edwards wrote a letter to the editor Thomas M. Edwards wrote a letter to the editor of the Chronicele in which he bemoaned going from a major pleasure to a minor pleasure – specifically, KKHI to KDFC. He compared this melancholy reality to (among other tragedies) "going from gay to straight." As a straight man, I wanted the chance to respond to this to an official gay organ.

Heterosexual sex isn't all that bad, despite its Heterosexual sex isn't all that bad, despite its obvious drawbacks: for example, useless babies which become ridiculous teenagers, and (for half the race) then ridiculous adults whose hormonal male posturing is not grounded in artistic poise, planning, and anticipation. Rather it seems grounded in fear, insecurity and an inability to perceive anything but desperate alternatives. But as I have said between leaving and all that had a I am have said, heterosexual sex is not all that bad; I am in good shape yet I have been known to collapse afterwards, even when on vacation and after a full meal. Notice, though, that Mr. Edwards did not

allude to the real ongoing tragedy of gay sex.

That is, there are certain overrated books which That is, there are certain overrated books which have gleefully reported on and encouraged wholesale slaughter and jihads. Because these books, for balance, fanatically condemn gay sex, the backlash is such that in some areas of the country even for heterosexuals it is illegal to engage in sodomy or oral sex. These, of course, would enliven the usual drab proceedings immensely. Without homophobia, these extra activities might have even been encouraged, just as the Vatican commissioned Michaelangelo's genius.

But as I have noted elsewhere, once sodomy was ruled illegal in Georgia, it removed the last reason why one would want to go there anyway.

reason why one would want to go there anyway.

Don Stevens San Francisco

The Editor responds: Thanks for the letter. And Dad is going to be very proud when he reads we are the official gay organ.



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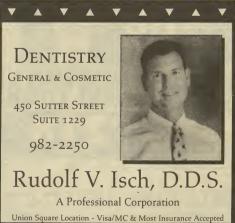
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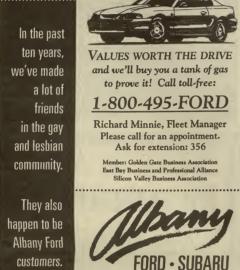
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LETTERS

Hey, Semanticists!

The recent attacks on Dan Savage's use of "Hey, Faggot" in his column Savage Love certain-"Hey, Faggot" in his column Savage Love certainly prove that we are just as bad as the straights
when it comes to accepting diversity. Even our
self-appointed leaders can't seem to practice the
tolerance they preach. The hypocrisy of CUAV,
GLAAD, and the B.A.R. savaging Savage is particularly galling, since all three organizations consistently and publicly reinforce a dangerous lie
and grant tacit approval to anti-queer violence
through their use of the word "homophobia."

The suffix "phobia" means fear – that's pretty
much common knowledge. But the operative or

much common knowledge. But the operative or driving emotion behind the violence directed against us is hatred, not fear. Hatred killed Alan against us is natred, not rear. Hatred killed Alian Schindler, and hatred inspired Amendment Two. Using the term homophobia transforms an inex-cusable malicious act into an appropriate response to a perceived threat. This transformation shifts the responsibility from the basher onto the bashed
it's the bad faggot's fault for scaring the poor
defenseless breeder. By using "homophobia" we
tell the bigots that they are afraid of us, that we are a threat to them. It's no wonder that they now roua threat to them. It's no wonder that they now rou-tinely swear they don't hate us, expecting to be believed, even as they verbally, politically, and physically punch our lights out. We've confirmed that lie by calling hatred "fear" over and over again. This needs to stop. We need to expose their hate for what it is; better still to get them to tell the truth as well. Only then have we any real hope of

curing the hate.

The prefix 'mis' (as in misanthropic) comes from a Greek word "miseo" meaning "to hate".

This could also provide a suffix form, something like "homomiseic, homomiseism, homomisia". like "homomiseic, homomiseism, homomisia" (conjugations are approximate). Once in general usage and the distinction in meaning made clear, the hatred that motivates bigotry would be apparent in every discussion of the subject. The three organizations mentioned above have the visibility organizations mentioned above have the visibility necessary to introduce such a term and to nurture it into common usage. They can even take credit for it. If they truly want to be leaders in our community, they will stop wasting time tilting at "Hey Faggot" windmills and work to put an end to the fear of homosexuals' lie.

> Darr E. Sandberg San Francisco

P.S. I think "Hey Cocksucker" (Dan's first choice) is even better than "Hey Faggot." Can we compromise?

The Editor responds: Clear back in the eighteenth century, J.A. Froude wrote "fear is the par-ent of cruelty." Homophobes are afraid of us, and allow that fear to become cruelty. The more violent of the homophobes, of course, can think of nothing but us while masturbating, and live in fear that secret will be discovered, which is the key to their problem.

their problem.

If we can get the mainstream media to report—
accurately — that "gay basher = repressed gay
person," it might remove some of the glamour
from that predatory sport among teenagers. That
seems a more effective use of energies than trying
to get people to coin a new word.

By the way, the B.A.R. is not an organization.
It is a newspaper.

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More on Tala

As an eyewitness to the "Tala Brandeis/ Barry Douglas Affair" at Stonewall 25, please allow me to set the record straight.

Tala, a highly loved and respected member of the Leather/ S/M Community, has, in many people's eyes, become a symbol of our right to be ourselves in many public arenas. She led the contingent in Washington and at our own Gay Pride Parade. The applause and admiration of the other contingent members is apparent. She even had the contingent members is apparent. She even had the cops in NY whooping and hollering.

The issue here, folks, is *control!* Barry Douglas

said to me personally that this is not the way he wants to be represented to the world. Well, he has wants to be represented to the world, went, he has the right to his feelings, but not the right to speak for others. Personally, that parade was mine, yours, ours. I was not there to paint a prettier picture for the "world at large!" They chose to view ture for the "world at large!" They chose to view our parade, they were not necessarily honored guests! Personally, if a certain "Guy" from L.A. had chosen to lead this contingent, people would have kissed his butt. The fact that Tala is a strong, out-there dyke is a threat to many people, hence-forth, she was not an acceptable representation. Bullshit! Tala can represent me anytime! She's a person who refuses to assimilate in order to green person who refuses to assimilate in order to emo-tionally "buy" people's acceptance. We all could learn a great lesson from her in self-acceptance. The above referenced "Guy" from L.A. even had the audacity to say that he was concerned that Pat Robertson would get footage of this part of the para and circulate it across America on the 700 Club! C'mon folks, if we were wearing Brooks Brothers suits, he would portray us as those fagust that are trying a look portray us as those fagust that are trying a look portray. gots that are trying to look normal so we can have easier access to their kids. Fuck him! We don't need to live in fear of our enemies. Our strongest weapon against bigotry is to remain proud and

Live out loud ... it will save our lives!

Irwin Kane SF Leather Daddy X

Christian Names

Dean Coddens' letter that appeared in your July 7 issue claims that it is an "insult" to "real" Christians to call fundamentalist hate mongers "Christian" Fundamentalists. If what Mr Coddens "Christian" Fundamentalists. If What Mr Coddens asserts is true, just who represents "real" Christianity? Is it the Roman Catholics, the Episcopalians, the Seventh Day Adventists, the Jehovah's Witnesses, the Amish, the Hussites, the Jehovah's Witnesses, the Amish, the Hussites, the Russian, Syrian, Greek or Serbian Orthodox; is it the Copts, the Baptists, the Metropolitan Community Church, the Unitarians, the Presbyterians, the Methodists, the Puritans, the Christian Scientists, the Branch Davidians, the Peoples' Temple, the Four Square Gospel, or any one of the literally thousands of groups that have named themselves "Christian" over the millennia? In fact, the fundamentalists and conservative Roman Catholics come closest in this last decade

In fact, the fundamentalists and conservative Roman Catholics come closest in this last decade of the twentieth century to representing historical and Biblical Christianity. They believe in the Bible (and in the Catholics' case, tradition). They don't, for the most part, pick and choose what parts of the Bible to accept; their position at least lacks the necessary hypocrisy that liberal Christians bring to their religion in order to make it palatable. (Fundamentalists are hypocritical and do pick and choose. I am saying that their beliefs, words and acts are consistent with what I know to words and acts are *consistent* with what I know to be historical and biblical.)

The sorry reality is that Christianity is not and never has been a religion of love, kindness and never has been a religion of love, kindness and decency. It has always persecuted the weak, murdered those who disagreed with its fantasies, and despised women. It stands always ready to go back into business at the old stand. It is this Fundamentalist Christianity that is true to its founder, its tradition, and to its "good book." Those who think Jesus was a "loving savior" don't know the Bible. Any person who would introduce the concept of Hell – which has been used for two thousand years to terrorize children, make the sick and dying miserable, and extract money from the and dying miserable, and extract money from the poor to enrich priestly and ministerial parasites –

I find it insulting to be called a Christian at all.

To me it means that I lack the maturity to deal To me it means that I lack the maturity to deal with reality and have to rely on the supernatural; it means that I allow warm and fuzzy feelings to overrule reason and common sense in every day life, and that I am illogical and unthinking. It suggests that I am ethically bankrupt in that if I wrong someone, I don't have to make it right with the person I have wronged. All I have to do is tell god about it and I will be foreign It is no accident. about it and I will be forgiven. It is no accident that the populations with the highest percentage of

Born-again Christians are in prisons.
Until we are willing to give up being ruled by Until we are willing to give up being ruled by fantasy and delusion; until we are willing to develop the emotional maturity to get along without help from imaginary supernatural beings; and until we can give up the easy anti-ethics of Christianity, we can never hope to battle the evil filthiness that exists in Christian Fundamentalism. I suggest that liberal Christians do more harm than good by validating the basic belief system of good by validating the basic belief system of Fundamentalists and then being hypocritical in their words and deeds.

> Ken Clark San Francisco

P.S. For those who agree with Mr Coddens, I suggest the use of the word coined by Gore Vidal for conservative Christians: christers. A good and valuable word.

Write to 'B.A.R.

O.J. to Overshadow Fall Elections?

he political camps of Senator Dianne Feinstein and her Republican opponent Michael Huffington are both said to be greatly concerned. Kathleen Brown and Pete Wilson are said to be even more worried, and the state's chief elections officer, Acting Secretary of State Tony Miller, was quoted last week as saying, "If he's on the stand on the eighth of November, we

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simply shut down the process. I'm not even going to show up." Miller is no doubt overstating

Miller is no doubt overstating the problem, but top candidates and their handlers from both major parties are more than a little concerned that the upcoming O.J. Simpson murder trial – scheduled to begin the 19th of next month and likely to run until at least Christmas – will so completely overshadow the November general election that both parties will have to spend much more than they had anticipated to get their candidates time on television. The Simpson case is clearly forcing Feinstein et al. to completely rethink and revise their campaigns.

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Tony Miller is especially worried that the Simpson trial could relegate the election to the back pages, resulting in one of the all-time low voter turnouts. The big question is: Which party/candidate does such a scenario help?

Some pundits say that having the highly publicized murder trial underway during the November election could help incumbent Governor Pete Wilson in that it would keep Wilson's "crime" issue in the spotlight. The trial also might prove an advantage of sorts for incumbent Feinstein, since her megamillionaire opponent would be forced to spend even more of his personal millions to gain television exposure.

John Whitehurst, Kathleen Frown's press secretary, said

John Whitehurst, Kathleen Brown's press secretary, said last week that the Simpson legal proceedings have already had an impact on the Brown campaign, adding that her appearances are being scheduled so they do not conflict with the murder case. Reportedly, some within her campaign favor staging a few of Brown's media events at locations near the L.A. court building (but not during a Simpson appearance) in hopes that the candidate will draw news crews that might otherwise be at the trial. (And though they refuse to

publicly confirm it, Wilson campaigners say in private that they, too, are looking to the Simpson circus when promoting their candidate.)

candidate.)
Interestingly, many of those in the Brown effort believe that the spectre of domestic violence raised by the Simpson case could help their candidate since women are usually the victims of such abuse. Most feel that we will see Brown at more news conferences where domestic violence is the focal point, such as the one she appeared at last week at a women's shelter in Santa Monica.

Santa Monica.

Overall, though, one can't help wonder about the state of the body politic when a "hero's" murder trial overshadows the election of a governor and a U.S. senator in the nation's most populous state.

Politics and people

The other races! Yes, there are a number of other state-wide contests, and here's a rundown on how they're stacking up.

According to the most recent Field Poll (conducted late last month), Democrat Gray Davis leads Republican Cathie Wright by a whopping 30 percentage points in the race to succeed Leo McCarthy as lieutenant governor; Davis, barring unforeseen



Tony Miller

disaster, looks like the runaway winner in this one. Republican Attorney General

Republican Attorney General Dan Lungren holds a ten-point advantage over his Democratic challenger, Tom Umberg. The relative closeness here is surprising in that Lungren, the high-profile incumbent, has raised twice as many campaign dollars as Umberg. Lungren's re-election chances could hinge on how well fellow Republican Pete Wilson does in his gubernatorial race.

Acting Secretary of State Tony Miller, a Democrat, is in a very tight race with his conservative GOP opponent, Assemblyman Bill Jones. Miller leads by two percentage points (26-24), but his greater name identification could help him become the first openly gay person to win a statewide race. The large undecided vote may go for a known quantity over a largely unknown one in this battle.

The one real surprise in the

The one real surprise in the state races is Republican Matt Fong's 14-point lead over Democrat Phil Angelides, a former Demo state chairperson, in the struggle to replace Kathleen Brown as state treasurer. One well-known Sacramento Democrat told me last week that he expects Fong (the son of former Secretary of State March Fong Eu), who has much better name ID than Angelides, to take this one, making Fong a real comer in state GOP circles.

comer in state GOP circles.

The contest between Democrat Kathleen Connell and Republican Tom McClintock for controller currently has Connell with a precarious five-point lead (31-26), with a huge 43 percent of the state's voters still "undecided." Democrat Connell is expected to spend big in this one and probably should be considered the early favorite to win in November.

to win in November.

The race for insurance commissioner shows Art Torres, the Democrat, with a small 34-30 percent lead over Republican Chuck Quackenbush, while the other statewide race, the "non-partisan" superintendent of public instruction contest, shows incumbent Maureen DiMarco and challenger Delaine Eastin in a virtual tie. The undecided vote will also be the deciding factor in this one.

in this one.

In the two local polls I heard of this week, one has Supervisor Carole Migden leading Kevin Shelley by a healthy margin to become board president; the other shows Migden and Shelley in a near tie with Annemarie Conroy (showing superprising strength).

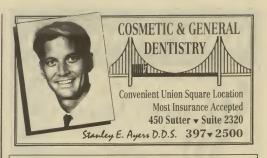
surprising strength).

Friends of another supe candidate, Tom Ammiano, are holding a fundraiser/reception for him this Sunday, August 14. It's a "pool party" from 1 to 3 p.m. at the home of David Vandergriff, 4076 17th Street. A \$25 minimum contribution is requested; call 864-1084 for more information.

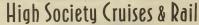
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Incidentally, a federal judge recently granted the state Democratic Party an injunction that will allow both parties to endorse in this year's nonparti-

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irst as student, and now as teacher, I have always felt a sense of loss on the first day of August.
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Back-to-School storefronts
snap me back to counting days
and telling time. It's the beginning of the end of summer.

Don't get me wrong; once
September rolls around, I am
always energized for the new.

September rolls around, I am always energized for the new school year, but that enthusiasm-to-come never protects me from my August First Blues, particularly not this year when the U.S. Senate sank the first day of August to a new low by passing the Smith-Helms amendment with a 63-36 vote.

The Smith-Helms amendment which Leall the Smith-

ment, which I call the Smith-Helms Ignorance is Teaching amendment (you read the acronym; this is a Family Column!), is a rider on the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, which provides federal funding to public schools – \$12.5 billion worth. The Smith-Helms amendment denies funding to school districts that "carry out a program or activity that has either the purpose or effect of encourag-ing or supporting homosexuality as a positive lifestyle alternative."

Of course we should have

Of course we should have programs with that exact purpose. Concepts like gay-bashing, suicide, self-esteem, human dignity, equity, liberty, and justice for all are a few of the excellent reasons for such activities. Fortunately, the San Expression. Unified. School. Francisco Unified School District knows this and, thanks School to lots of activism, has designed and implemented a number of curricular and counseling programs to combat homophobia and its effects on students. Also, bravo to SF School Superintendent Bill Rojas, who

spoke up immediately against reporters, "We have gay and lesbian students, and that's a reality all of our students live with." He added, "For the

with." He added, "For the Helmses of this world that think that isn't real, I just don't know which planet they're on."

That's Planet Bigotry, I believe. It's two galaxies to the left of Planet Tobacco, 13,000 galaxies to the right of Planet Reebok, and 979 trillion to the right of Planet Boutilier. And here on Planet Boutilier, we're sponsoring a little Helms Amendment of our own – a full lobotomy for Jesse – which, lobotomy for Jesse - which, unfortunately, in his case is no amendment at all.

Commentary

Congressional cowards
But wait. Why blame the senator from North Carolina when 62 of his colleagues joined him in approving this nonsense?

nonsense?

A recent *Time*/CNN poll found that 65 percent of Americans polled thought "too much attention" is being paid to homosexual rights. Well, if you ask me, 63 percent of the U.S. Senate is paving too much Senate is paying too much attention to Jesse Helms and his hatred of homosexuals and our

rights.

And this was no isolated case. On July 19, a full 92 percent of the Senate, including 50 percent of the California contingent (the Feinstein half), agreed to a Helms rider on the Agriculture Appropriations Act, prohibiting use of taxpayer funds to "embrace, accept, con-done, or celebrate homosexuality as a legitimate or normal lifestyle."

Does this mean federal funding is available to tout homo-sexuality as a *superior* lifestyle? I say "Funding for Flaunting!"

Under the Smith-Helms Ignorance is Teaching amend-ment, my job as a high school teacher is to adhere to a policy of don't ask, don't tell, don't allow curiosity or facts to get in the way of schooling.

Take down that poster of Eleanor Roosevelt; don't teach Twelfth Night; and by all means don't let the girls play tennis and look up to Martina! How is a teacher to know if classroom material or football drills might have the "effect" of drills might have the "effect" of encouraging homosexuality? Showing students the Sistine Chapel or Venus de Milo, discussing Moby Dick or The Color Purple, analyzing civil rights movements in this country could have the "effect" of promoting homosexuality.

The books we'd have to burn to keep true to this amendment

to keep true to this amendment are too many to list, but let's start with the ABCs: Auden, Baldwin, Cather. The amend-ment could be seen as a way to ment could be seen as a way to ax girls' softball teams and boys' gymnastics programs. And what will be the fate of the locker room?

Another exception
During the hearings on gays
and lesbians in the military,
many of those who would cast
themselves as allies of the gay themselves as allies of the gay community felt comfortable in exempting military policy from society's standards. Time and again I heard people say, "Well, the military is a special case ..." or "This sexual behavior is problematic in the military."

Well, where are those voices now? I should be hearing those same people shouting, "Hold same people shouting, "Hold on, we made an exception for the military. Public school is no place for discrimination," or "This is about knowledge, access to information, and ideas. We're not talking about sexual behavior."

Senator Ted Kennedy tried to make that distinction with his

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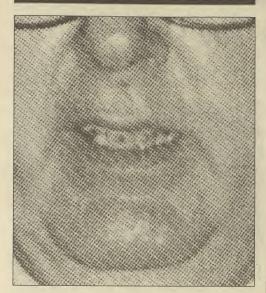
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COMMENTARY



The mouth that roared.

Dykeotomy

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political antidote to the Smith-Helms amendment, a conflict-ing amendment that bans the ing amendment that bans the use of federal funds to promote any sexual activity – heterosexual or homosexual. But this anti-sex strategy is an unsatisfactory suggestion when one considers where it will lead. Young people in this country need accurate information about sex. Even Kennedy's compromise contains the prob-lematic word "promote." A gag rule for schools is likely to result in uninformed decisions unwanted pregnancy and unsafe sex.

Attacks like the recent Helms barrage are designed to put us on the defensive, to con-tent ourselves with unacceptable compromise positions, and to distract us and our polit-ical resources from other issues. While Kennedy's move may be an effective way to play may be an effective way to play politics and force an acceptable resolution in committee, Helms has successfully flexed his power in the Senate chambers, bully that he is, and slapped any teacher or administrator with the warning that Big Homophobe is watching. Even if the amendment is scratched in committee, the Senate's vote is concrete evidence that anothis concrete evidence that another Briggs Amendment banning gay teachers and instituting

curricular censorship might be

a vote away.

By tying badly needed money for schools to his bigfor gay dignity to come at a heavy and divisive cost – in San Francisco, about \$12 million a year for public schools. Gays and lesbians against school-children – now that's an image Helms would love to see fly. And we cannot let it happen.

And we cannot let it happen.
So, before September gets too close and the August congressional recess kicks in, I'm going to fight my August Blues with a little activism of my own. Thanks to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's seven-page Cay and Lesoian lask Force's seven-page August Congressional Action Kit, I have my hands on the Helms amendments, the Senate voting records, a guide to contacting the folks on Capitol Hill, as well as information on health care reform and the Employment Employment
Discrimination Act.

Discrimination Act.

It's time to start energizing myself for the upcoming school year – and what better way than carving out a few gay-positive lesson plans and a couple of back-to-school fashions with a gay visibility theme?

If you want your own August Congressional Action Kit, contact NGLTF at (202) 332-6483 ext. 3327, or just call your legislator via the congressional switchboard at (202) 224-3121.

Friday

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san races. Look for Migden, san races. Look for Migden, Leal, Shelley, and likely Ammiano to snag the S.F. Demo Party endorsements, while the county GOP will pull out all the stops for Annemarie Conroy. Next year's local races for mayor and district attorney will also be affected by the rul-

In Seattle, Mayor Norm Rice is expected to sign a city council-passed ordinance that allows unwed gay, lesbian, and heterosexual couples to register as domestic partners.

Representative Nancy

Pelosi and Assembly Speaker Willie Brown are among those sponsoring a reception/ fundraiser for BART Board member James Fang August 17, 5-7 p.m., at 100 Palo Alto Ave. in San Francisco. A \$100 donation is requested; call 826-1100 for more information. Supervisor Carole Migden,

Mark Leno, Tom Horn, and Paul Wotman are among those in the gay/lesbian community sponsoring a \$100 event for Dianne Feinstein August 16, 5:30-7:30 p.m., at 250 Fourth Street. Call Cathy Widener at 705-8731 for more informa-

tion.
So? We should be surprised?
A recent poll found that 69 percent of Kentuckians oppose, while only 18 percent support, having gays/lesbians as pastors, ministers, priests, or rabbis.
The Louisville Courier-Journal poll found, however, that 49. poll found, however, that 49 percent said homosexuals can be genuine Christians; 37 percent said they could not.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Write On: The Times Are Changing in Journalism, Too

Native Americans, African-Americans, and gays and les-bians have long been involved in journalism, but their numbers

have been few.
Until recently, most gay and lesbian reporters and editors – outside of major metropolitan areas – either remained in the

closet or lost their jobs.

But thanks to courageous and talented people like Howard Rock, the Eskimo who started the *Tundra Times* in Fairbanks, Alaska, and San Francisco's Randy Shilts, Francisco's Randy Shilts, America's first – and still most controversial – gay mainstream media star, the scene in journal-ism is quickly changing and

opening up to minorities.
"Tales from Unity '94," an exchange on minorities in jourexchange on minorities in journalism that asks the questions "what now?" and "what next?", will be held tonight, Thursday, August 11. Bay Area minority journalists at the meeting will report first-hand on last month's historic Unity '94 meeting in Atlanta, and discuss the future of diversity.

Erik Ninomiyam of the San Jose Marcus News, will represent the san and the san and

Jose Mercury News will represent the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association (NLGJA), Northern California Chapter. Ysabel Allegria of National



Cute queer-about-town David O'Connor of the NLGJA during Media Alliance's Magazine Fair July 30.

Public Radio will speak, representing Latinos
Communication (LIC).

Bruce Koon of the San Francisco Examiner will represent the Asian American Journalists Association (AAJA), San Francisco Bay

Chapter.
Lori Walden De Adwyler of
KPIX-TV will represent Bay
Area Black Journalists
Association (BABJA).

A speaker for the Native American Journalists Association (NAJA) is yet to be announced. The panel will dis-

Whether we are getting real progress or tokenism;

· Whether diversity efforts bring integration or create new divisions;

Whether minority journal-ists just want a piece of the pie, or if it is time to change the recipe of what's news;
 Media stereotyping;

Community activism; andThe newsroom of the

Moderator for the discussion will be Linda Jue, a freelance journalist who is Media Alliance president.

"Tales from Unity '94" will begin 7 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church, located at 1187 Franklin Street at Geary. Admission is free. ▼

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San Mateo Activists Confer on Equality, Support, Culture

by Marv. Shaw

Fifty activists from various communities in San Mateo County met on Saturday, August 6 at the Hillsdale Methodist Church

to dis-c u s s experi-

ences, needs,

and plans in three areas vital gay life:



youth support, culture. visibility, and domestic partners and non-discrimination, especially in the

Led by Robert Greeley, who had organized the successful Gay Town Hall meeting in Palo Alto in June, the San Mateo meeting followed the same formeeting followed the same for-mat of a general meeting, fol-lowed by smaller group meet-ings in the three interest areas, and concluded by summary reports indicating accomplish-ments and probable future steps.

Two honored guests in Peninsula politics, Nancy Leavitt, who will be Belmont's vice mayor this fall, and Richard Gordon, who was elect-

ed to the S.M. County Board of Education in 1992, greeted the assemblage and offered encouragement. Leavitt also participatagement. Leavitt also participated in the youth support group, her special area of concern. Gordon pointed out that, especially now that the attempt is being made by Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC) to prohibit any mention of homosexuality in U.S. schools, it is vital to move on such matters as harassment. on such matters as harassment

on such matters as harassment of gay youth in our schools now. Audrey Covner enlightened the assemblage on Assembly Bill #2601, which forbids discrimination against gays and lesbians in the workplace. The bill has approval in the state Assembly and is admost certain. offi nas approval in the state Assembly and is almost certain to pass the Senate. This time, it is much more likely to get Governor Wilson's signature, but Covner urged everyone to communicate such a message to Sacramento. Another bill with a similar moniker, AB #2810, would establish a statewide would establish a statewide domestic partners arrangement; it has cleared four legislative committees already, Covner added, but it might still take years for passage.

In the Youth Support group, the need for development of plans and taking action was emphasized by the leader, Lauren MacNeill, who pointed

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U.S. Senate: Anti-Truth & Anti-Youth

by Al Kielwasser

The U.S. Senate has voted to cut off federal funds to any school district offering programs "that have either the purpose or effect of encouraging or supporting homosexuality as a positive lifestyle alternative." This amendment to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act was sponsored by Senator (and homophobic fossil) Jesse Helms. The Helms amendment would also ban "counseling or other services on school grounds, or referral of a pupil to an organization that affirms a homosexual lifestyle."

This anti-youth and anti-truth amendment would, in effect, legislate a curriculum in hate education. The Helms amendment would ensure that homophobic indoctrination is forced upon

In a misguided effort to render the Helm's amendment obso-In a misguided effort to render the Helm's amendment obsolete, Senator Ted Kennedy offered his own amendment to the Education Act. The Kennedy amendment would cut off federal funds to schools that "promote or encourage sexual activity" of any kind. Unfortunately, such a law would certainly be selectively enforced at the local level and used to censor lesbians and gays. Homophobes have successfully convinced school boards across the nation that any mention of lesbian or gay subjects in textbooks or classrooms is an open invitation to sexual intercented.

course.

Both the Helms and the Kennedy amendments would produce the same outcome – an intolerable and lethal silence about our lives. And whether these amendments pass or not, the very fact that they have been brought forward sends a disparaging message to our already overstressed youth.

These legislative efforts should alert us all to the necessity of fighting more vigorously for educational equity and excellence. Our community cannot afford to continue battling only the symptoms of homophobia, we must engage the causes. Chief among these causes is an inadequate, homophobic system of public education. public education.

among trese causes is an inadequate, homophobic system of public education.

There are lesbian and gay students in every school across the nation, and in every classroom these students are under attack. The federal government should be leading the drive to protect the educational and civil rights of lesbian, gay and bisexual youth. These students have an absolute right to unbiased information, positive role models, and a heritage free of crippling self-hate and unchallenged discrimination.

Urge your representatives to speak out – loudly and clearly—against the Helms and Kennedy amendments and in support of the educational rights of lesbian, gay and bisexual students. Moreover, insist that Bill Clinton veto any Education Bill that is polluted with hate and ignorance.

For the address or phone number of your representatives, you can call the League of Women Voters at 415-989-8683 or the Capitol Switchboard at 916-322-9900. Write to President Bill Clinton, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, DC, 20500. To get further involved in the fight for educational equity, contact Project 21, c/o GLAAD, 1360 Mission St., Suite 200, S.F., CA 94103, tel, 415-861-2244.

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CALIFORNIA NEWS

Hate Crime Hits Davis Home

DAVIS - Larry Hoover is well respected, both professionally and socially; he is comfortably retired at an early age; he is a founder and supporter of organizations in the gay and lesbian community; he is a handsome, urbane, charming man who most recently was the moving force behind the long-overdue domestic partners legislation in the reputedly liberal Davis community; and now he is also the victim of a vicious hate

erime and an all-too-familiar police apathy.

Hoover, who retired as director of personnel at the University of California at Davis last October, as been breeding and raising prize-winning rabbits for a number of years. Most of the rabbits are bits for a number of years. Most of the rabbits are short-eared, fluffy, and have Siamese cat markings—they're reminiscent of Star Trek's "tribbles," in that they're cuddly and are content to be held and petted for hours; they go limp and cling trustingly to those holding them. All, including the family pet, have been housed in cages in the attached garage at Hoover's home.

At 1:30 on Saturday, May 14, Larry fed and watered the rabbits, then left to teach a class a few miles away. He returned to his home at 6:30, ate.

watered the labolis, their to teach a class a feet wiles away. He returned to his home at 6:30, ate, watched television and dozed until 9 p.m., when he went into the garage to get some laundry from the dryer. "When I opened the door I saw four rabbits on the garage floor – dead. I couldn't imagine how they got out of their cages and why they were lying there, all in a row, with their necks and legs broken. I couldn't conceptualize what I was lookbroken. I couldn't conceptualize what I was look-ing at. I couldn't get my mind around the enormi-ty of what had happened. As the realization hit me I must have begun crying out saying, 'Oh my God. Oh dear God in heaven!'"

Oh dear God in heaven!"

Hoover thinks his visibility on local cable access and his appearances before the Davis City Council on behalf of the domestic partners bill may have prompted the attack on his home. "I made the technical argument for the ordinance and went up against the Chamber of Commerce and then made a personal presentation," Hoover told the Bay Area Reporter. "There were no negatives, except for the Chamber of Commerce, and very strong presentations for the ordinance were made by both gay and non-gay members of the community. Then I asked to make a personal presentation to the City Council.

nity. Then I asked to make a personal presentation to the City Council.

"It was pretty intense," he recalled. "I told them how I came here from Indiana and have lived in Davis for 20 years, first as a husband and father and then as a gay father with a domestic partner. I said I was tired of it. Just sick and tired of there being no recognition of our family unit. My daughters have lived with me and have been nurtured by both Steve and myself over the years, and

"I've been 'out' for a long time and have fought for recognition for gays and lesbians and parity in employment and sensitivity training, but two months ago during the deliberations on the ordinance, I became very out. And that's the only thing I can think of that's been different in my life and which could have caused the horror that has

and which could have caused the horror that has happened to us."

The horror of that evening affected everyone in the family. Rabbit cages in the area were pushed aside, water bottles were knocked off some of the other cages, and a feed box was knocked out of a cage. According to Hoover, "there were no other items taken – it was just a senseless act of cruelty.

"I know I was crying," he said, recalling the incident. "My 17-year-old daughter, Mary, came out to see what was wrong and started to cry hys-

out to see what was wrong and started to cry hysterically. It was a horrible sight - our family pet was also killed."

was also killed."

Even more chilling was the realization that whoever killed the family's animals did so while Hoover was in the house. "They could have harmed my daughter or me," he told the B.A.R., "and we wouldn't have even known they were there until it was too late."

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Outraged neighbors reported seeing three men around the ages of 18-20 in "skinhead" dress and haircuts, watching the house from an old Ford or Chevy pickup on the street at about 5:30 or 6 p.m. Their behavior was odd enough, in fact, that one

neighbor wrote down the license plate number. Hoover called the Davis Police Department and officer Robert G. Beronio arrived shortly to take the report. According to Hoover, his requests to



Larry Hoover holds one of his prize-winning chinchilla rabbits. Four were killed in a May 14 "skinhead" attack.

have the area dusted for fingerprints were dismissed with the comment "you can't get prints off

Larry is angry at what has happened to his daughter and the sense of peace and sanctuary of his home. "The ordinary life of this family has been taken away," he said. "This has substantially

been taken away," he said. "This has substantially changed our lives as a family. We never had the need for alarms and now we've been out buying dowels and locks — the very thought of which causes a level of personal anxiety.

"I'm mad that my daughter is afraid to be alone in her own house — this is a kid who asked to go to the Willie Brown hearings on domestic partners; she's the one who begged to go to the March on Washington — and now she's terrified of what will happen to me because I'm gay.

"You bet I'm mad. Dammit, my kid and her space have been violated."

He is also upset because, despite having pro-

He is also upset because, despite having provided the police with a license number, he has had no progress report on the crime. After he got over the initial shock, Hoover decided to report the break-in as a hate crime. Regardless of his com-munity leadership, he found himself screaming details of the crime to a bored police functionary through a hole in a glass partition at the police sta-

"I said, 'I want to report a hate crime," he recounted, "and she responded, 'I don't know who does that,' so I told her who it was and she said,

He's in training, I'll give him the message.'
"I've yet to be called or contacted."
Ever since the attack, Mary is afraid to be in the house alone. When she is there, every light in the house is blazing, as if she can fend off attackers

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with light.

She later wrote a composition for her school, in which she described what she felt when she went into the garage: "I stared at them. His poor babies. The first one had its mouth open, with two tiny teeth jutting out. It looked like it was gasping for breath. But God, who would kill a bunny?

"I looked up at him, my Dad. Was this the beginning? A warning for him? — How could anyone do this to him? — Jesus, they came into our garage while he was here, while he was watching TV in the living room. — What if they go further? What would my daddy do, would he be able to fight or try to escape? Later that night I was too scared to sleep so I sat up between my mother and stepfather all night, tense and worried. ...

"What if we found him dead, crumpled, strangled on the floor tomorrow morning. I couldn't handle it. There is so much more to us. That's why it's hard to think, to understand how someone could take the tiny life of a rabbit or the life of a big, gentle guy like my dad.

"Oh god, I'm not religious at all," she wrote, "but please God, protect him."

Domestic

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care of and who can take care of them. Hospital visitation and

conservatorship is so important for the elderly and the ill – we can only hope that the Senate ... and the Governor will exhibit similar wisdom."

Because of the short time-

frame, supporters of the bill and LIFE Lobby are urging mem-bers of the gay and lesbian com-munity to call and/or fax their state senators to urge them to support the bill.

A Visit From Barney

by Dennis Conkin

Openly gay Massachusetts Congressman Barney Frank is slated to be the keynote speaker at a Friday, August 26 event that organizers predict will the biggest event in the history of lesbian and gay Marin.
Frank and U.S.

Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey, D-Sonoma, will appear at the Great Tam Rally sponsored by the Triangle Alliance of Marin, a non-parti-

san political action committee.

The event will be a Town
Hall session that will allow the



Barney Frank

politicians to meet their supporters and discuss current events and legislation affecting

"We want to open it up to the audience to express their concerns," said TAM spokes-woman and event chair Kerrin Skettle.

One issue that is sure to be on the agenda for the evening, accord-

ing to Skettle, is health-care.
"Not just for domestic partners, but for all of us. What I'd

really like is for some wealthy lesbian and gay people to start our own damn insurance company, and we could say to hell with everybody else."

The event will also feature the presentation of the first annual "TAM Outstanding Lesbian or Gay Mentor/Role Model Award" to San Francisco resident Rawley Francisco resident Rawley Farnsworth.

Farnsworth,

Farnsworth, a gay man, is
the former Oakland Technical
High School acting teacher
extolled as a gay role model by
superstar Tom Hanks during
this year's Academy Awards
presentations. Although Hanks
has been invited to present the
award in person, it is "very
unlikely" that he will attend the
event because of scheduling event because of scheduling conflicts, Skettle said.

The event is expected to draw an estimated 600 people, although Skettle said that "all bets are off" if Hanks can change his schedule to attend.

Skettle and the TAM board

of directors hope the Town Hall meeting, meant to be a kick-off fundraiser for the newly-formed TAM, will inject some political activism into the les-bian and gay community in what is often perceived as a well-to-do but dull bedroom county, Skettle said.

The evening event begins at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre at the College of Marin campus in Kentfield, California. Tickets

are \$20.

A buffet and reception for Frank, Woolsey, and other participants will be held at the home of California Assemblywoman Vivian Bronshvag. Tickets for the buffet dinner and reception are \$250. ▼

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JACL

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edged. "And we may gain some. It works both ways."

The national organization which was founded in 1929 has an estimated 24,000 members in 115 chapters around the country.

The group was organized to represent the interests and con-cerns and to advocate for the



J. Craig Fong

rights of Americans of Jap-anese ancestry. The J A C L already

has pre-viously adopted non-discrimi-

policies in its constitution that

include sexual orientation.
"I believe that the resolution supporting same-sex marriages gives more meaning to our consti-tution," Hayashino said. "It really is a historic decision and I'm very proud of where it ended."

Cianna According to Cianna Pamintuan Stewart of the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance Community HIV Project , speakers during the conven-tion's floor debate included J. Craig Fong of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, openly gay former JACL chapter presidents Tak Yamamoto and May Yamamoto, and others.

The resolution was presented to the National Board last ed to the National Board last February by National Vice President of Public Affairs William Kaneko, after his Honolulu chapter sent a letter of support to the Hawaii Supreme Court about the Baehr v. Lewin case, in which the court ruled there was no constitutional reason to prohibit same-sex marriages.

the Salt Lake City-based Mt. Olympus chapter had put forward the measure to rescind the resolution.

After the resolution passed, members also adopted an emergency resolution supporting the concept of domestic partnership and the formation of a

ommittee exploring the issue.

Other groups supporting the national board's adoption of the resolution included the National Asian Pacific Lesbian and Bisexual Women's Network, the Japanese American Bar Association and the Gau Asian Association, and the Gay Asian and Pacific Support Network of Los Angeles.

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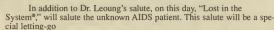
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"Unique Perspective," meaning: interviews from businesses and other entities involved for an answer other than NO; but rather why patients get lost in the system and an explanation to justify NO, and action plans to proceed forward to YES as an answer.

Dr. Leoung is Director of HIVCare at St. Francis Memorial Hospital and in private practice. Dr. Leoung's outstanding contributions, dedication, and commitment for the fight for the cure of AIDS includes many hours of HIV Research, Education, and Patient Care.

As Chairman and Committee Member of many HIV Organizations and Political Committees, he has a sincere, compassionate approach to understanding the needs of all his patients and caregivers who have been affected by this disease.

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Due to the attendance allowed during the filming of the unknown AIDS patient ceremony (100 people), RSVPs are requested by August 16, 1994. Also, all donations, which will be officially announced by a ceremonial check given to the AIDS Emergency Fund by Dr. Leoung, need to be received by August 16, 1994. Thank you for being a friend to all of us who are looking out for those who may get "Lost in the System*."

Gay and Lesbian Jews Celebrate High Holida

by Kent Brandley

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav (Congregation of the Golden Gate) will mark the opening of the Jewish High Holiday season with S'lichot (prayers of penitence) on Saturday, August 27, at 9 p.m. at the synagogue, located at 220 Danvers, at Caselli.

According to the July/August issue of *The Jewish Gaily Forward, S'lichot* is a collection of prayers culled from the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur liturgy, setting the stage for the introspection that characterizes this season.

The evening will start with a dessert hour featuring delicacies of the holidays – rich honey cake and sweet tagelach – during which members will discuss the different manifestations of repentance. This will be followed by a brief service, highlighting key elements of

the holiday liturgy.

Rabbi Allen Bennett, who directs the Jewish

Community Relations said Congregation Shin the 500 range – has as many gay and less for sure what the breather there is another.

There is another city with 30 or 35 m considered to be more gregation – than a sy. In an enlightenin Forward, Nina Woultime of t'shuvah, or

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can and should also be
"a time to turn away
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ck Party





TOP: Miss Kitty (in wheelchair) mingles with the hoi polloi at the August 7 Up Your Alley block party. FAR LEFT: Taking a break curbside at the Dore Alley Fair. LEFT: Ride my hog: one of the mor fetching sights (foreground) at Sunday's soiree. ABOVE: Glove in hand: a decked-out leather daddy makes a bid during the auction portion of the

Photos by Rick Gerharter

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Relations Council of the Greater East Bay, gation Sha'ar Zahav – with a membership nge – has a lot of non-gay members as well vand lesbian members, but no one knows the breakdown is.

another gay-friendly Jewish group in the or 35 members, Ahavat Shalom, which is

of 35 members, Ahavat Shalom, which is to be more a chavurah — an informal conthan a synagogue.

Inlightening article in the Jewish Gaily ina Wouk says the Jewish New Year is a uvah, of turning. It is, like all new year, the turning of the year from old to new, birthday of the universe, Rosh Hashanah uld also be a time of renewal," Wouk writes, n away from the faults and failures of the d rededicate ourselves to living a worthy gives us a chance to ask the right questions, beginning of finding the answers."

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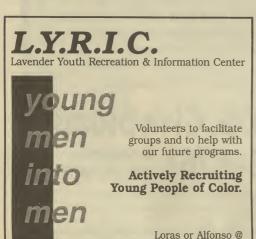
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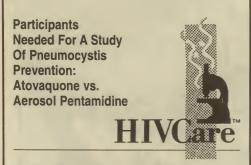


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For further information about this study please call Mark Bowers at (415) 353-6215.

HIVCare is a program of the Clinical Research Department at Saint Francis Memorial Hospital, 900 Hyde St., SF 94109.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Unity Expo: A "Dream Market" Match Between **Queers and Corporate America**

Back when Ross Perot captured the imagina-tion of grassroots voters anxious for a real change in government, Debra Olson rushed to the fore to make sure Perot did not discriminate against les-

make sure Perot du liot discriminate against co-bians and gays.

"Diversity is one of this country's greatest strengths," Perot said officially after one Olson-arranged meeting with prominent gays. "No one should have to lie about who they are, no one should have to live his life in secrecy. We must unite and utilize the talent of all our great citi-

Olson, a Los Angeles-based lesbian real estate financier, is still working on the "total transformation" of America through grassroots organizing, as she described her dream to the *Bay Area Reporter* in 1992. But the venue has changed: instead of politics, it's the marketplace. Instead of picking one issue and pushing and pushing for possible political votes, she is educating on many levels about many issues in one place where people live. And this time her dream has come to fruition as Unity Expo: A Celebration of Gay & Lesbian

Culture.

Actually Unity Expo was the original brainchild of San Francisco expo-experts Renee Burke
and John Foley, thirtysomethings who have produced 50 major expos around the country in the
past five years. They felt the time and opportunity
was ripe to create a similar mainstream marketing
enterprise targeting the gay and lesbian community.
Olson explained over hunch recently Burke and enterprise targeting the gay and lesbian communi-ty, Olson explained over lunch recently. Burke and Foley approached Olson and Los Angeles lesbian activist Leigh Fortier to help them build the Unity Foundation, which would put the expo on a national tour and help raise money and awareness for local gay, lesbian, and AIDS organizations. The expo affords an opportunity for heterosexuals to find out about and sell to the gay community and for the diverse gay community to meet and and for the diverse gay community to meet and strategize with each other.

"I wouldn't have put my own credibility on the line if I didn't think Renee knew the expo business." Olson said. "My gut says that this is an excellent next step for the community. I look at the big picture: my passion is about linking everyone

together and creating a synergy of energy among the diverse people in our community.

"It's wonderful that we've come together in social institutions such as bars and 12-step meetings and fun organizations. It's wonderful that

ings and fun organizations. It's we've created these valuable organizations out of the need to fight AIDS or gay-bashing or to keep our children. But now we need to come together in a positive way to affirm and expand who we are. We need to become lesbian and gay enterprepaging. lesbian and gay entrepreneurs," Olson says, "to ensure and demonstrate our freedom and promote a more accurate awareness of who we are."

To this end, the Unity Expo in San Francisco will donate a por-

san francisco will donate a portion of the entertainment proceeds to five local non-profit organizations including GLAAD/San Francisco Bay Area and the Lesbian Health Fund, a project of San Francisco-based American Association of Physicians for Human Rights. A national advisory board decides how the grants and donations are distributed.

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But make no mistake - this is also big business But make no mistake – this is also big business. Unity Expo has already lined up such corporate sponsors as Capitol Records, Fruitopia (a Minute Maid/Coca Cola drink product), American Airlines, IDS American Express, Miller Brewing, Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream, SKYY Vodka, Blue Cross of California, Bacardi, Nordic Track, Nordstrom, and Calistoga Water, as well as lesbiantyay sponsors such as Olivia Cruises. They will also be holding a year-end raffle with a car and cruises as prizes.

and cruises as prizes.

Corporate America is catching on that lesbians Corporate America is catching on that testians and gays buy products from companies that support the community and are usually brand-loyal, says Olson, now Unity Foundation's executive director. But the relationship should not stop at the cash register or the end of the expo. Unity Foundation's Fortier, who has had much experience educating the Hollywood community about



Debra Olson

"We need

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entrepreneurs."

- Debra Olson

various "causes" through the Creative Coalition, will work as an arbitrator between lesbian/gay organizations and mainstream companies to medi-ate difficulties and educate companies to "do the

are difficulties and educate companies to do the right thing."

"We're being very careful about approaching companies for sponsorship," says Olson. "We don't want people who are really gay-unfriendly but are pretending to be gay-friendly to market to our consumer base. Of course this gets very complicated because there are many strategies and levels to beginn as company and educating plicated because there are many strategies and levels to bringing a company along and educating them about who we really are. For instance, if a corporate America company doesn't like the gay community but acts gay-friendly and supports the Unity Expo – it actually works in our favor because it tells the world they support us. In that way we're really marketing to corporate America. "I'm interested in linking the straight and gay communities – that's the reason we call it Unity," says Olson. "If we invite straight America to observe a gay teen panel and hear

observe a gay teen panel and hear P-FLAG talk about how homophobia is exactly like racism, they join us in this environment and dialogue with us, and their ignotrance and fear will dissolve and hopefully will be replaced with acceptance. Then we can move together into the future to work on

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Olson

There will be over 300 gay and gay-friendly exhibitors under the Unity Expo banner at San Francisco's Fashion Design Center this Saturday and Sunday, August 13 and 14. But the big draws should be the famous speakers and celebrity line-up. For instance, Dr. Barbara DeAngelis is hot hot hot on the relationship scoreboard with a national hit infotainment TV half-hour and a hest-selling book.

TV half-hour and a best-selling book.

Also featured are Dr. Mel White, the former Also featured are Dr. Mel White, the former ghost writer for Jerry Falwell who's now an openly gay preacher in the world's largest gay church in Dallas; body-builders and marriage-inspirers Rod and Bob Jackson-Paris; gay brain scientist Dr. Simon LeVay; famed plumed writer Quentin Crisp; AIDS expert and Victory Fund co-chair Dr. Scott Hitt; PFLAG/national's Mitzi Henderson; Apple Computer's Elizabeth Birch; GLAAD's Donna Red Wing; and Martina's ex, Judy Nelson, among others. among others

among others.

Performers and celebrities include actor/photographer Roddy McDowell, Amy Madigan, "Out for Laughs Live" with Judy Carter, Pussy Tourette and others, and director Valerie Landsburg's Tolerance: A Performance Art Show with John Fleck and Rachel Rosenthal.

For more information, call 1-800-883-3830.

S.F. Queers Say Cuba's a Drag —Party!

by Kent Brandley

Two San Francisco lesbians Two San Francisco lesbians who recently returned from Cuba, where they spent a week with four other U. S. lesbian and gay activists, report an enormous improvement in friendliness and openness on the part of Cuban society toward the gay/lesbian commu-

nity.

The group voiced strong opposition to the continued U. S. economic blockade of

U. S. economic blockade of Cuba and other policies which, they said, cause widespread suffering and direct harm to the Cuban people.

"It was really a hard trip for me personally, said Lauri Irving, 34, who represented Lesbians and Gays of African Descent for Democratic Action (LGADDA) on the visit. "A lot of feelings came up for me there. I came back furious at our government because of all our government because of all the bullshit information about Cuba and what's going on

Cuba and what's going on there.

"They've done so much with so little for so long, and we've done so little with so much for so long," she said, comparing Cuba to the U. S.

Using homelessness as an example, Irving said, "We have hemmed and hawed and dragged our feet, while they fill the need. They put their money where their mouth is." where their mouth is.

where their mouth is."

Irving and Catherine
Murphy, 25, of Queers for
Cuba, both emphasized that
Cuba, largely due to the collapse of the Soviet Union, is in
a major economic crisis, similar
to that experienced by the U. S.
during the Great Depression of
the 1930s.

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"It's the high point of hypocrisy to continue an illegal and immoral blockade [against Cuba]," Irving said. "It's racist and pandering to a small wealthy community in Florida."

She was joined in this sentiment by Jorge Cortiñas, program director for the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission in San Francisco. He departed the morning of Thursday, August 4 for the International AIDS Conference in Yokohama, Japan. Prior to his flight he issued a statement calling for an

Fidel of Dreams: A Ouote from Castro

"...I don't consider homosexuality to be a phenomenon of degeneration. I've always had a more rational approach, considering it to be one of the natural aspects and tendencies of human beings which should be respected. ... It would be good if the families themselves had another mentality, another

approach, when a circumstance of this nature occurs.
"I am absolutely opposed to any form of repression, contempt, scorn or discrimination with regard to homosexuals. That's - Fidel Castro, as quoted in Cuba Update, May, 1994

end of the 33-year-old U. S. embargo against the Caribbean island nation. "The cold war is over, and continuing to isolate Cuba is inhumane and only makes the work of progressive sectors in Cuban society more difficult," Cortiñas said.

Murphy, who speaks Spanish, first went to Cuba two years ago. "In the short period of time that I've been going there I've seen so much improvement and openness on the parts of Cuban society toward the gay community," she told the B.A.R.

She gave as an example a public theater piece in Havana that retold the story of Romeo and Juliet, but in this version Romeo and Juliet, but in this version Romeo and Juliet were both men, and there were scenes of full nudity and sexual contact throughout. It drew none of the fundy ire that gay artists routinely face in this country.

In Havana they visited gay house parties held on weekends. The public parties in private homes are held in lieu of gay/lesbian bars, and drew 200-300 who paid an admission fee

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300 who paid an admission fee equivalent to the price of a pack of cigarettes (10 Cuban pesos). Havana has recently experienced a "huge rebirth of drag shows and culture," they say; the American group went to a public drag show on a neighborhood street, an elaborately staged cabaret-type event with music and special lighting. The audience, consisting of neighborhood residents – the majority of which were straight family ty of which were straight famity of which were straight families – was totally supportive of the festivities and would have liked for it to continue every night, Irving and Murphy said.

"We were floored."

The six gay and lesbian U. S. activists visited an AIDS o. 3. activists visited an AIDS sanatorium near Havana, went to a gay beach, and met with Cuban lesbian and gay activists and artists as well as academic and government organizations.

Irving will return to Havana in November, as an educator, for the Black Women's Race

for the Black Women's Race and Health Conference. Another group trip to Cuba is planned by Queers for Cuba in December, and anyone can apply to go. However, the trip will cost each person about \$1,000, and government restricsh,000, and government restrictions are numerous. Interested parties can call Queers for Cuba at (415) 995-4678 for more information. ▼

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Two Weekends In Hell

Experienced by Jerry Sloan
Translated by Marghe Covino of Project Tocsin

In the next few columns Jerry Sloan relates his impressions as an in the next jew commisserry solur reduces in simple sisting with a undercover eyewitness, observing the power brokers and the money changers of the radical religious right as they congregated to justichangers of the raucal religious right as they congregated to justify the christianizing of America, first at James Kennedy's Reclaiming America Conference in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida on January 21st to the 23rd, and then at the 50th anniversary meeting of the National Association of Religious Broadcasters in Washington D.C. from January 28th to February 1.

Part I: Weekend One

Pat Robertson, Dan Quayle, Oliver North, William Bennett, Ed Meese, Charles Colson, Jean Kirkpatrick, Gary Bauer, Jean Kırkpatrıck, Gary Bauer,
D. James Kennedy, Lou
Sheldon, David Barton, John
Ankerberg, Randall Terry, Tim
& Beverly LaHaye, James
Dobson, George Grant, Robert
Simonds, Benny Hinn The
list of names could go on into
the hundreds. And for two back-to-back weekends I was in the midst of all of them, the elite, the sour creme de la creme of the radical religious

The convener of the first gathering, the Reclaiming A m e r i c a Conference, was Reverend Doctor Kennedy, the pastor of the 7000-plus member . Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church whose services can be seen "on TV screens all over the world brought to you by the Coral Ridge Ministries." It is a

beehive of activi-ty with worldwide tentacles The church plant is striking.
The main building's spire shoots up over ten stories into the air. At dark it is bathed in light, so that it dominates the light, so that it dominates the night sky. The main building is flanked by buildings that are smaller versions of the main one. In front of the main building is a fountain with the inscription, "Let him that is thirsty come and drink." Inside, thirsty come and drink. Inside, striking stained glass in modern design, combined with the sil-ver colored ranks of the pipe organ, dominate the front of the organ, dominate the front of the sanctuary. All of the beauty, inside and out, does not make up for ugliness of the bigotry which emanates from this

Kennedy's church is affiliated with the "Presbyterian Church in America," a small denomination with about 1200 churches in this country, but many more in foreign coun-tries. Because it has such a small number of churches the denomination might be considered insignificant; however, when one understands that – in addition to Kennedy – its clergy includes Louis Sheldon of the Traditional Values Coalition; Jay Grimstead of the Coalition On Revival; Rousas Coalition On Revival; Rousas John Rushdoony of Chalcedon, Inc., chief apologist/architect/ theologian of the Christian Reconstructionist movement; Joseph Morecraft of the Counsel of Chalcedon, a leader in the home schooling move-ment; and Gary North, writer and Christian Reconstructionist and Christian Reconstructionist apologist – it's obvious the reli-gious group is anything but insignificant.

In fact, the conference was a

mixture of fundamentalist Christianity, flag waving and nationalism, politics and homo-phobia, high tech Telstar satel-lites, state of the art computer programs/equipment for track-ing contributors and duplicating audio/visual tapes, and bla-tant schemes to take over the country

I should have been prepared for the tone of the conference, and in a way, I

was: my sojourn into the "belly of the beast" known as the religious right started with a flight delayed by good old Sacramento fog. It caused me to miss flight connections from Dallas, but set me up for an enlightening encounter.

During the three-hour delay at the Dallas airport as I waited for the next flight to Ft. Lauderdale,



Rev. Jerry Falwell

noticed a man whose briefcase had one of Pat Robertson's 700 Club stickers on it. I asked if he was on the way to the Reclaiming America Conference, he answered affirmatively, and we started conversing. As it turned out, he was a missionary on furlough in the U.S. from his assignment in Europe. He told me he had been a missionary for over 30 years, assigned through the years, assigned infought the years to many of the world's political hot spots, such as Uganda, Kenya, and South Africa. Now he was assigned to what appears to be another set of hot spot countries: the Ukraine, Hungary, and Bulgaria.

As we discussed the many As we discussed the many places he had been assigned, the way things had changed in the U.S., and the need for America to return to its traditional values, this former missionary to Kenya said to me, "You know, maybe we need to listen to some of these white supremacists. I think they have some good think they have some good

He then launched into a tirade about homosexuals, quotas, and how white men

quotas, and how white men had fewer opportunities than minorities and women in today's society.

Unfortunately, his was only the first of many similar racist, sexist, and homophobic tirades I was to hear in the next 12 days.

NATIONAL NEWS

Security Clearance Survey Project Underway

The National Organization of Gay and Lesbian Scientists and Technical Professionals (NOGLSTP) is making an effort to document cases of discrimination against lesbian

and gay people in the federal security clearance process.

The organization wants to hear from people who have had experiences in this area.

The organization wants to hear from people who have had experiences in this area. Rochelle Diamond, NOGLSTP chair, in a telephone interview with the Bay Area Reporter from her office in Pasadena, said several thousand survey forms had been sent to interested people all over the nation.

Essentially, the organization is seeking to determine whether things have gotten better since the start of the Clinton Administration.

NOGLSTP is incorporated in the State of California as a non-profit educational organization, Diamond said. The organization reaches a gay/lesbian/bisexual membership of about 800. It is for people employed or interested in scientific or high tech fields. NOGLSTP works closely with the federal gay and lesbian employees' organization.

In the past, NOGLSTP has documented cases of discrimination against gays and lesbians employed in the government-contracted high technology industries.

NOGLSTP is recognized as the only gay/lesbian affiliate of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The world's largest scientific association granted NOGLSTP affiliation last February in San Francisco, Diamond told the B.A.R.

The General Accounting Office (GAO) of Congress is

NOGLSTP affiliation last February in San Francisco, Diamond told the *B.A.R.*The General Accounting Office (GAO) of Congress is currently investigating discrimination based on sexual orientation in security clearance processing. The GAO has asked for NOGLSTP's assistance in documentation of the discrimination against lesbian and gay people in the security clearance process or related work promotions. The GAO wants to know if activides and outcomes have chossed in wants to know if attitudes and outcomes have changed in the fast few years.

A four-page survey questionnaire has been sent statewide and nationwide. Completed surveys are requested back by August 15. The survey is anonymous—that is, none of the information will identify the employee or the employer.

Here is a sample question, selected at random from the 22 questions on the survey, with answer-options:

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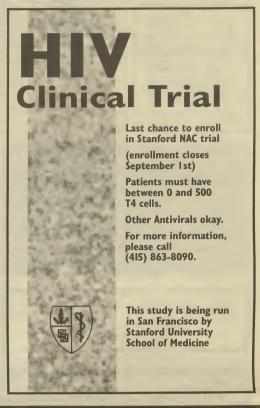
[] I let it be known selectively to trusted co-workers. [] I am quiet about it.

l use 'covers' (e. g. stories about dates with the opposite sex).

FOR MORE INFO

Scientists and technical professionals who want to participate in the confidential survey or want further information on the organization are asked to contact Rochelle Diamond, Chair, NOGLSTP, P.O. Box 91803, Pasadena, California, 91109, or call (818) 791-7689 (message or fax).





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bravely living with HIV for all his adult life. He clubbing, dress-ing up, nude beaches,

ing up, nude beaches, and traveling abroad and to Hawaii. He attended Arizona State University before moving to SF, and he later transferred to SF State with plans to become a teacher.

Jim loved his family deeply, and in addition to many San Francisco friends, he leaves his parents, Inez and Bruce; brothers, Roger and Robert; sister, Coco; and his beloved nieces and nephews, Shauna, Nicholas, Rebecca and Jake.

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Jordan Berger Aug. 1, 1958 - Aug. 4, 1994



Aug. 1, 1958 – Aug. 4, 1994
Our beloved Jordan passed away on Thursday after a long struggle with AIDS. Born and raised in the Bronx. Jordan graduated from the Bronx High School of S c i e n c e . F o r d h a m University and The Saint. He moved to San Francisco in 1987 and has atte work in AA since July 4, 1988. He was a board member of Project Inform and a tutor and pen pal of school children as part of the Art for Recovery program at Mount Zion Hospital. He was an active member of Sha'ar Zahav congregation and a member of the Jewish Healing Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, August 7, at Hills of Eternity Chapel with interment at Sha'ar Zahav Cemetery.

Jordan is survived by his grandmother, Rose Kupfer; parents, Marsha and the late Martin Berger; sister, Nina; cousin, April; and a large, loving extended family of relatives and friends. Jordan's spirit and overwhelming joie de vivre will live on in the family he brought together. By esweetheart; see you later; sweet dreams.

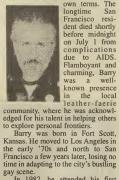
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Barry Cundiff Feb. 1, 1950 - July 1, 1994

Barry Miner Cundiff departed life much as he had lived it – on his own terms. The longtime San



Francisco a few years later, losing no time in adapting to the city's bustling gay scene.

In 1982, he attended his first gathering of Radical Faeries and enthusiastically embraced them as his long-lost tribe. He soon joined the Kathar Sissies, a colorful faerie-inspired group devoted to spiritual healing through erotic ritual.

By the late eighties, a faction of faerie-identified men who were also into leather spun off from the Radical Faerie movement to form their own gatherings. Known as Black Leather Wings, their gatherings soon attracted lesbians and other leatherfolk interested in combining radical sexuality with spiritual growth. Barry became one of the most visible figures within this growing circle—where he was known as Daddy Bear Rings—and was loved and appreciated by many.

Through a prodigious appetite for adventurous living—by which he gained great spiritual wisdom—Barry exited life a complete and whole person. He died surrounded by his friends and loved ones. Barry Cundiff is survived by his companion, Yossie Silverman.

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of the envelope flap.

Deadline for all obituaries is Monday at 5 p.m.

Mark S. Jones

Dec. 5, 1959 - Aug. 2, 1994



Jones died August 2 after a battle with AIDS. Born in San Francisco, his father would make him stay home from school if a great old movie was on television. He fell in love with 1930s and '40s movies, which greatly influenced his work, at a young age, and while other boys played with fire engines, his mother taught him how to create magic with a more intricate invention, the sewing machine.

Mark graduated from San Francisco State University in the 1980s with a B.A. in costume design. For Theatre Rhinoceros he won four "Bette" Awards for his costumes in shows The Captive, The Children's Hour, Life of the Party and Spook House.

From his Pacific Heights apartment, Mark ran Mark Jones Couture until he and his business partner opened a design shop in Oakland. His last months were spent in the loving care of his sister, friends and the staff of Coming Home Hospice.

Mark is survived by his loving sister, Susan L. (Mrs. Christopher) Evans; nephews, Thomas and Nicholas Evans; a niece, Genevieve Evans, all of South San Francisco; and an aunt and uncle, Marny and Jen King Jones of San Anselmo. He is also survived by many loving friends and business partner Theresa Soder.

Contributions in his memory may be made to Coming Home Hospice,

Soder.
Contributions in his memory may be made to Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond Street, SF 94114. For information about a memorial gathering, call (415) 931-8464. ▼

Edward Brian Cook Nov. 25, 1956 - July 27, 1994

Edward Brian Cook p in San Francisco in the ea



nd Brian Cook passed away ancisco in the early minutes of July 27 after a heroic six-year battle with AIDS. Born in Portland, Maine,

AIDS. Born in Portland, Maine, he moved here in 1976, where he made his home until his death. Ed received his B.A. degree in political science and teaching credentials from the University of California at Berkeley in 1988. He worked at several SF hospitals as a cardiac monitor tech and was working at Mt. Zion Medical Center of UCSF at the time of his death. Ed also taught at several elementary schools in the Bay Area.

Ed was a man who possessed profound convictions and always acted upon them, without fanfare. He lived his life to the hilt and brought tremendous joy with lots of laughs into the lives of those he touched. Ed is survived by his longtime companion, Andrew Raskopf of San Francisco; his mother, Philis; his father, Dana, both of Maine; and his two brothers, Timothy and Phillip.

A memorial service and celebration of Ed's life will be held on Saturday, Sept. 10, at 5 p.m. at his home, 134 Hickory Street, SF. In lieu of flowers and to honor his memory, please exercise your right to vote.

Michael A. Durand



several dearest friends.

Michael was born March 29, 1956, in New Iberia, La. He left home as a young man to live and work in Houston, New York City, Hawaii and his final home, San Francisco. Michael's last request was to rest in his final home with his friends in San Francisco.

We all miss Michael so much, but know that he is in a wonderful place as well as in our hearts forever. We love you, Michael!

Thomas M. Relihan July 22, 1994



Thomas M. Relihan
July 22, 1994

Tom Relihan died of AIDS in San
Francisco on July 22. He was 38.

After graduating
from college in upstate New
York, Tom started out to see the
world and never
really stopped,
always curious
about what lay
beyond the next
horizon. Over the
plobe, fashioning several careers
along the way, weaving a network of
friends as he went and having adventures enough for several lifetimes.

Tom moved through life with a
certain style and attitude that reflected his delight and interest in things
like computer graphic design, the
cult of the Black Madonna, tastful
champagnes, colorful gardens, Mardi
Gras in Syday and gay revely of all
sorts. He insisted that, while we're
here, we should live, do what we
love, and be happy. He did his best to
show his friends how it's done; now
we're left to learn the lessons and
live the life.

Tom is survived by his loving family in New York State and by many
friends on the East and West coasts,
New Zealand and Australia. ▼

Jeff Meyer

Jeff Meyer

May 13, 1956 - Aug. 3, 1994



Joe Boxer, by his side.
Jeff was born in B altimore, Maryland, and attended the University of Maryland, mov-ing to Phoenix, Arizona, in 1980.

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'94 Monterey Bay Walk for AIDS Takes Shape

by Kent Brandley

Take a walk near beautiful Monterey Bay on October 8 and join hundreds of other people in raising \$100,000 for ten non-profit AIDS-related

agencies.

A major fundraising effort still in the planning stages, the Monterey Bay Walk for AIDS will actually have two walk sites.

One, in Santa Cruz, will start and end in San Lorenzo Park, near downtown, according to Kellie Allyn, development director for the Santa Cruz AIDS Project. The other, in Monterey, will start and end at Monterey High School.

The event will be team focused this year, Allyn said in a brief interview with the Bay Area

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Reporter.
As of last Thursday, 71 teams had signed up.
The teams will compete to see who can raise the most money for use in the AIDS battle, Allyn said.

Teams will include major area corporations such as Borland, Seagate, and Santa Cruz Operations. Teams from smaller firms, such as The Blue Lagoon, a local gay bar, will also be

Last year the Monterey Bay Walk for AIDS raised \$83,000, according to Allyn. This year the goal is \$100,000.

Two of the major benefactors will be the Santa Cruz AIDS Project and the Monterey County AIDS Project, Allyn indicated. Eight other local agencies which have AIDS-related services as part

Meetings for volunteers are scheduled in Santa Cruz County tonight, August 11, and on Monday, September 12 at 5:30 p.m. at the Santa Cruz AIDS Project headquarters. For more information about the walk or volunteer opportunities call (408) 427-3900 in Santa Cruz or (408) 394-4747 in Monterey. ▼

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Paul Russell Borst Feb. 27, 1959 - July 24, 1994



when Paul died of AIDS-related complications at Laguna Honda Hospital. Paul, raised in Holly Hill, Fla., can't be easily described. He was outrageous, sweet, bizarre, generous to a fault and everyone's best friend. He had the nerve to do the unexpected and be what he wanted to be. And that's why he was so loved. He did what he rest of us wished we had the guts to do. Paul's friends plan to gather on August 28 to scatter his ashes at several of his favorite spots around town. Anyone who knew and loved him and wants to participate should call Mike McKee at (415) 749-5506. Paul is survived by his wife, Carol, also known as isis; his son, Stephen, both of San Francisco; his mother, Evelyn; his brothers, Robert Floyd and Edson Donald, all of Holly Hill; his adopted sister, Edie Mayr, of Alameda; close friends,

Thomas J. Breighner

January 23, 1947 · August 3, 1994

A native of Pennsylvania, Tom has lived in San Francisco

for the last 20 years. He had a varied life, including

being a Christian Brother, a teacher, a banker, and an accountant. But, above all, Tom has been a great friend and companion. Anyone who has known Tom will

nember his subtle humor and quick wit. He has gon to join all those who have gone before. Tom, keep a light burning for those of us who are yet to follow.

Mike McKee and Valentine, both of San Francisco: Linda Mayr, of Alameda; David Partington, of Daytona Beach, Fla.; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Patrick "Bad Puppy" Saatzer



B e a u m o n t , Texas. Patrick's free spirit was now truly free from his body in time to join us at the Dore Alley Fair on August 7, 1994. Oh, how he loved leather events as much as he loved traveling, wild roller coasters and sports. His family even dressed him in a brand-new Astro jersey shirt for the funeral. Patrick's heaven is filled with deaf and leather folks whom he loved very much. Patrick was well-known for his work as a barback at the Edge. He also co-founded the Northem California Leather Association of the Deaf and helped raised several thousand dollars for AIDS service agencies, especially for the Deaf AIDS Center. It is now not the same without his wonderful spirit and enthusi-

asm. He will be missed by his family, relatives, and friends.

In order to enable his friends from all over the world to participate in Patrick's memorial service, it will be held during Leather Pride week (September 18-25) in San Francisco. Please watch for an announcement. Please make donations out to the Deaf AIDS Center, c/o University of California Center on Deafness, 3333 California Street, Suite 10, San Francisco, CA 94143-1208.

We love you and will miss you very much! → Philip C. Rubin (Mr. Deaf International Leather) and Sam Feliciano ▼

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NGLTF Turnover Continues: Two More Departures

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) continues to implode with a hemorrhage of personnel. Latest to join the exodus is communication director David Smith and board volunteer co-



Elizabeth Birch

Birch. stepped down July 15. Three other employees were dismissed in June. Birch told the NGLTF board that increased job responsibilities led to the decision. Bylaws preclude a third consecutive term by board members; she would have been forced to step down in two months when her

expired. Birch is traveling in Peru until September and unavailable

Deborah Johnson-Rolon, a consultant in diversi-

Deboral Johnson-Rolon, a consultant in diversity training and human resources of Aptos, California, near Santa Cruz, has been named to replace Birch as co-chair.

One report laid Birch's resignation to disagreements with executive director Peri Jude Radecic over management of NGLTF. "That is absolutely not true at all," said Radecic. Co-chair Christopher Collins and spokesman Smith concurred. They

thought that any disagreements between the two women were nothing out of the ordinary and did not contribute to Birch's decision.

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One rumor circulating is that Birch has expressed interest in being considered to succeed Tim McFeeley as paid executive director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund. Under this theory, she moved up the date of her departure from the NGLTF board to avoid any appearance of conflict of interest in being considered for the other job.

Smith lays his move to "an opportunity that presented itself, and I chose to move forward with it." He will start immediately as a consultant to Emily's

He will start immediately as a consultant to Emily's List, a political action committee that supports prochoice Democratic women running for Congress.

He had served as director of communications at the Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center in

the Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center in Los Angeles, and last year in the short term coalition The Campaign for Military Service.

Torie Osborn, Smith's former boss in Los Angeles, brought him with her to the Task Force when she was named executive director. He started almost a year ago and lasted twice as long in his position as Osborn did in hers.

Osborn's girlfriend, Ellen Malcolm, runs Emily's List. When asked if Osborn "had put in a good word," Smith responded, "It had absolutely nothing to do with her."

Underlying these moves is the continued financial plight of NGLTF. Contributions swelled during the previous fiscal year in light of community enthusiasm generated by the Clinton campaign and the first few months of the military fight. Income exceeded expectations. exceeded expectations.

NGLTF took that growth and projected yet a third more income on top. The result was a current operating budget initially approved at \$4.3 million, which was cut to \$3.4 million at the board meeting in January and to \$3.1 million in May.



Tim McFeeley

Appearances Can Be Deceiving:

Transient Leaves HRCF Half a Million Bucks

by Kimberly Griffin

In a move that surprised even the executor of his will, an extremely closeted gay man who lived most of his life in a transient hotel in Portland, Oregon, left an estate worth more than a half-million dollars to gay and lesbian causes, including a \$400,000 farm bequeathed to the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

Although the man John James Vaccay died two years are

Although the man, John James Vasey, died two years ago of leukemia, the estate was only recently finalized in probate and the deed to the farm transferred to HRCF, said Gregory

and the deed to the farm transferred to HRCF, said Gregory King, a spokesman for the organization. HRCF is in the process of selling the property; the donation is one of the largest in the history of the gay and lesbian movement.

Jerry Weller, a longtime gay and lesbian rights activist in Portland, and the executor of Vasey's will, said that Vasey, who was about 70 when he died, had bought the 148-acre farm in southern Jacksonville, Ill., in the 1950s and apparentially livined of the property which was manly lived off the meager profits of the property, which was managed by a local bank.

Vasey, who never met Weller, chose him as executor of his will in the early 1980s on the advice of attorney William Shepherd, the founder of Parents of Gays in Oregon and about

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Weller, who served as executive director of the Howard Brown Memorial Clinic in Chicago from 1984-85, said that although he was aware he had been named executor, "I just assumed I would go clean out a transient hotel room and throw away some pornographic material before the family arrived. I had kind of forgotten about it until he died. All of I sudden I found out there was all this money and land."

Vasey's earthly possessions fit neatly into seven suitcases, Weller said; but in addition to those belongings – which were mostly old clothes – Weller learned Vasey had left \$250,000 in cash, which he earmarked for a gay and lesbian youth counseling center Weller founded, as well as of the farm in Illinois, left to the Gay Rights National Lobby (which, since the time his will was written, has merged with HRCF).

"This is an extraordinary act of generosity," said Tim McFeeley, HRCF executive director. "His financial support will enable us to continue the fight to end discrimination and secure full equality for lesbian and gay Americans."

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King said HRCF's annual budget, comprised entirely of contributions, is currently \$8.5 million.

The details about Vasey's life remain sketchy, Weller said. From reading Vasey's notebooks and talking to a few distant cousins with whom Vasey had completely lost contact, Weller discovered that Vasey had an extremely unhappy childhood, and remained closeted throughout his life. He grew up in the Jacksonville area and joined the Navy immediately after graduating from high school, just as World War II was beginning, Weller said. He never moved back.

In Portland, he lived at the Jack London Hotel, and had no friends. "He kept very much to himself," Weller said. After he was diagnosed with leukemia in the early 1980s, he eventually moved to Seattle to be near the highly regarded veterans hospital there. He wrote his will before moving, Weller said. "It hink it's fascinating," Weller said. "He's created a little niche of mystery in our gay history in a sense."

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Brothers Reach Out to Transgendered

Transgendered persons -both male to female and female to male – who are seeking sup-port and resources are invited to attend a weekly support group sponsored by The Brothers Network.

Other services offered by the Network include HIV education and risk reduction, hormonal education and direct referrals, substance abuse counseling and monthly outings for transgen-dered people of color.

The agency also conducts outreach to the transgendered community in homeless shelters, bars, and on the street in the Tenderloin.

to Jealousy According Jiggetts, the group's co-facilita-tor, the group will be an impor-tant resource for members of a community which faces preju-dice and a dearth of services.

dice and a dearth of services.

"I'm sure that of you are transgender, you are aware of the prejudice that is shown to our community," Jiggetts said. "Services available to gay men are not necessarily available to transgender people."

Jiggetts, Miss Gay San Francisco 1994, told the Bay Area Reporter that although an accurate estimate of the transgendered population in San Francisco is hard to come by, there are "many variations," and the agency is doing substantial outreach in the Tenderloin because that is where the agency is located – and where

Jiggetts said that the agency as also just initiated outreach to transgendered people who are incarcerated to inform them of services and resources available upon their release from jail.

The agency also networks with other social and human service agencies such as Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center and other groups through the Bay Area including Oakland, Jiggetts said.

"The group is needed. We want to let people know of agencies that provide them help and to provide support. There are just so many aspects about being transgendered and trying to survive in day to day life," she said.

According to bbinson, the Robinson, the agency's Transgender Services Co-ordinator, transgender people are a "minority at the bottom of the

"We have nothing. No legis-lation, no guidelines, no restric-tions to prejudice, no protection. There have been many conflicts and misunderstandings," Robinson said in a statement

about the group, which targets transgendered people of color, will be on-going.

For more information contact Jiggetts or Robinson at the Brothers Network, located at 631 O'Farrell Street, or call (415) 749-6714.

San Mateo

(Continued from page 12)

out that this group is especially vulnerable to suicidal impulses, drug and alcohol abuse, and HIV infection. MacNeill is a facilitator for the Sexual Identity Forum, an effort subsidized by the public-private agency Youth and Family Assistance, and which meets weekly in the Community Living Room in San Mateo.

With her were Jessica and Daniel, young people concerned with the welfare of themselves

ple concerned with the welfare of themselves and their peers as emerging gay people. Daniel recounted a history of needing acceptance of an understanding person so badly that he joined with another youth in burglarizing houses – just because that person was the only person who would accept him. Jessica urged expansion of such facilities as the Community Living Room to meet more hide! peeds

to meet more kids' needs.

In the small group deliberations on gay youth problems, it turned out that the eight people involved had highly disparate backgrounds and concerns, ranging from John, a truck driver who was raped by a 45-year-old man when he was 13, to Shawn, a seasoned professional new in this area from San Diego, who has had sub-

in this area from San Diego, who has had substantial experience in dealing with gay youth. Shawn reported that in his role as youth helper he at one time received 50 calls from counselors who were puzzled and disturbed over what to do for their young gay clients.

As the discussion in this group shifted from experiences to greatest needs, the following line-up formed: How can access be improved? Of what help can career centers be? How should training of counselors be conducted? What can be done to overcome cultural limita-tions? How can role models for gay youth be

A reiterated need was for more and better centers in which gay youth could be together, such as the Billy de Frank Center in San Jose.

In the wind-up session, each discussion

provided?

group pooled its findings. The youth support group was first, adding to their already expressed concerns the need for better access to

e resources extant in the communities now.

From the equality group concentrating on better conditions for gays in the workplace, a coming-out suggestion was made by the chair-person, San Mateo businessman Alan Hurst: person, San Mateo businessman Alan Hurst:
"Make the assumption that they already know!"
A major recommendation was to work from within to create change. Hurst explained how that can work, by relating how he created policy in a company for which he had previously worked, simply by drawing one up and then promoting it through the executive hierarchy.

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The visibility-culture group organized its recommendations into priority groups, with the last priority given as goals to strive for down the line. The group pointed to a prime need of simply getting to know one another better through social affairs such as potlucks and picnics, with special interest groups, such as Front Runners, another effective socializing ploy.

The San Mateo activists also recognized the value of group organizing for cultural affairs, such as play readings. A gay pride month was

such as play readings. A gay pride month was seen as an ideal – but not yet achievable.

It was suggested that the groups started today could profit by association with their earlier counterparts in Palo Alto, but such amalga-

mation was not pushed.

Although each interest group made no definite plans for follow-up meetings, concern dinot abate. The activists agreed to a second meeting of the whole group within a three- to

six-month period.

In the meantime, all attendees were urged to leave addresses and telephone numbers and group leaders were asked to be available for information. For gay youth support, call Lauren MacNeill at (415) 572 0535; for equality and non-discrimination matters, call Alan Hurst at (415) 525 4567; for visibility-culture information, call Robert Greeley at (415) 328

Durbin Implicated in Embezzlement

by Dennis Conkin

A former president of the Tavern Guild has returned to San Francisco after he alleged-ly embezzled almost \$19,000 from the Inter-Club Fund, a charity set up to assist members of Bay Area gay leather motor-cycle clubs who have been injured or who are ill.

Jan Durbin, treasurer of the ICF since 1987, gave police a complete statement acknowledging the theft and has offered restitution, ICF chair Jack Goodall confirmed to the Bay Area Reporter.

The charity account has a current balance of \$231.93.

According to Goodall, the discovery of the embezzlement of the ICF funds began to unfold on July 28, when he received two calls from grant recipients who had tried to cash ICF checks and were told the account did not have sufficient funds. According to Goodall, the two checks had totaled an estimated \$3,500.

Goodall said he tried to contact Durbin to tell him there was a problem, but the treasur-er couldn't be reached.

"There was an announce-ment on his machine that said he'd gone to San Francisco General Hospital because he was HIV-positive and receiving was HIV-positive and receiving radiation treatment for bone cancer," Goodall said. But a check of SFGH records revealed that Durbin was not a

patient there, and a decision was made to contact police about the theft and Durbin's missing person status, Goodall told the B.A.R.

Durbin later called and left a message on Goodall's machine, followed by a letter saying that although he had fled, he was returning to take responsibility

for the embezzlement.

Durbin returned to San Francisco on Saturday, August 6. He also reportedly returned several hundred dollars, taken from Aunt Charlie's Lounge on Turk Street, where he had

wored as a swamper.

The revelations of the alleged embezzlement are

alleged embezzlement are sending shock waves through the leather community and Tavern Guild membership.

"I really couldn't tell you what happened. I have no idea what he got caught up in," said Aunt Charlie's Lounge manager Chuck Hempling, Hempling, who also manages the P.S. on Polk Street, confirmed that Durbin took funds from Aunt Charlie's, but said he had made complete restitution. complete restitution

Goodall said the ICF is compiling its records from 1987 for a complete review to determine the extent of the thefts before it turns them over to the District Attorney's office for action.

ICF has instituted new auditing procedures to prevent future embezzlements and will change its bylaws to institute new term limits for officers.

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HIV WATCH

Defending the Faith: A Fantasy

f Father Flaherty looked any more like Karl Malden, people would try to buy Traveler's Checks from him. He had the florid complexion and bright red nose of a dedicated alcoholic, and his large gut bore testimony to a lifetime of good eating. All in all, he was the perfect picture of the old-fashioned Irish priest, but he was also rather low in the local church hierarchy and was frankly wondering why he'd been summoned to such a high-powered meeting, at which the archbishop himself was soon to appear. He didn't get along all that well with the others present, and in particular, Monsignor Devlin, director of the boy's chorale, seemed to be giving him the evil eye.

him the evil eye.

Before he could figure out who among the hostile faces gathered to ask about what was up, the the faces gamered to ask about what was up, life archbishop himself swept into the room, preceded by Father Ratfinger, his personal secretary and (it was rumored) a confidant of the pope himself. Some in the archdiocese wondered if Ratfinger

some in the arcidiocc wasn't the one really in charge of local affairs. Certainly, he took control of the meeting promptly. The archbishop settled himself into the chair at the head of the table and noded to his aide. and nodded to his aide to begin.
"We now convene

this joint meeting of the Archdiocese of San Francisco and the Bay Area Committee for the Defense of the Faith," Ratfinger intoned.

Flaherty started – the "Committee for the Defense of the Faith" was the contemporary name for what used to be called "the Spanish Inquisition." Big stuff indeed!

"The agenda is brief, and a bit unusual, but as you will see deals with affairs vital to the spiritual and financial well-being of the church on the West Coast." Ratfinger continued.
"Our first item is the

admittance to the priesthood of the Reverend Thomas Woolsey, who has left the Episcopalian Church in protest of their recent policy change accepting women as

priests."

Father Francis, a saintly old priest at the foot of the table, nodded benignly. "I'm glad to see some of our wayward brethren finding their way to the True Faith. Certainly there's no reason to deny his application," he said.

"Well, there is the fact that he's married," Ratfinger said with mild distaste. "But the pope has announced that this will be allowed for crossover Episcopalian priests."

There was a moment of stunned silence, after

There was a moment of stunned silence, after which Father Francis sputtered in protest. "It's not our way, our usual way, at all! What will it do for our image?" he asked.

Unholy lawsuit
"Speaking of our image brings us to the second item on the agenda," Ratfinger continued, "which is the 65 million dollar out-of-court settlement for

numerous child molestation cases recently brought against the archdiocese."

Monsignor Devlin flared up at this. "Father, I don't think we've handled these cases properly at all. The legal statute of limitations has run out on most of them, and I think we could beat the rap on

most of them, and I think we could beat the rap on the others if we could get the right jury."

Ratfinger glared at Devlin. "Perhaps, but we had to consider the public relations impact of such trials, whether we won or lost. The accusations about the boy's school at Saint Sebastian's and the rumors of hanky-panky concerning the boy's chorale have cast a pall over the archdiocese. That's why accepting a married priest and getting

Ratfinger said. "By the way, monsignor, as you might have guessed, you are being relieved of your duties relating to the chorale. Father Flaherty will replace you."
Flaherty jolted at this. "I don't know anything about music!" he protested. "And I don't like kids, particularly little boys," he insisted.
"That's your main qualification as far as we're

particularly little boys," he insisted.

"That's your main qualification as far as we're concerned," Ratfinger said sourly. "God knows it wasn't easy to find someone like you among this lot," he concluded, glaring at the other priests gathered around the table, who studied the ceiling, the floor, their rings, or anything else to avoid meeting his inquisitorial gaze.

Bigger than Jesus

"But how are we to pay such a massive settle-ment?" asked Father Francis.

ment?" asked Father Francis.

"That brings us to item number three on the agenda," Ratfinger answered brightly. "We propose to close over a dozen local parish churches. Most were quake-damaged and would cost far too much to repair, and closing them will save us millions of dollars. Fortunately, we're exempt from the usual regulations restricting the demolition of his-

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toric landmarks."

"The parishioners will raise holy hell," one priest comment-

"No doubt. And no doubt the local press will have a field day with it. But these parishioners just haven't been pulling their weight financially, and at least they can't sue us over it, can't sue us over it, like all those ex-choir boys," Ratfinger said. "Don't forget the Archdiocese of New Mexico had to declare bankruptcy in order to make their out-ofcourt settlements. We have to avoid that here." He paused and leafed through the notes in front of him. "There is, however, one possible alternative: agenda item number four," Ratfinger said.

particular world-famous rock star has asked per-mission to take the orders and become a priest. Of mission to take the orders and become a priest. Of course, he would contribute most of his fortune, which is considerable, to the church. In fact, if we accept this offer, His Holiness the Pope would become the owner of the copyright on virtually all the Beatles' music." Ratfinger couldn't resist a small, grim smile. "That would be quite a twist on the group that once claimed to be 'bigger than Iegus'."

There were murmurs of agreement around the

table. "Why is such a rich man so anxious to take the orders?" asked Father Flaherty. "He's had... a bit of a scandal," Ratfinger answered. "His advisors told him that his only way out was to become a priest or get married. and apparently he prefers the more spiritual solu-

tion."
"Well, just who is this spiritual millionaire?"
asked Monsignor Devlin, still in a foul mood.
Ratfinger wilted and seemed to lose some of
his iron-clad self-composure. "Michael Jackson," he quavered.

The archbishop stirred at the head of the table and spoke for the first time. "Maybe we should take a pass on this one," he said slowly. "We've got enough problems of our own, and as I understand it, they already have a bimbo on tap for him

"As it says in the Bible: 'Truly, it is better to marry than to burn,'" he concluded.

"And better to settle out of court than go to the best he best he but soften.

trial," Devlin muttered under his breath, but softly. Because unless you are very, very high in the hierarchy, you don't want to mess with the Spanish Inquisition.



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Lesblan/Gay Labor Alliance: Organization of lesbian, gay and bisexual trade unionists and workplace activists, holds its monthly meeting Tues., Aug. 16 at 7pm, Institute of Industrial Relations Library, 2131 Channing Way, Berkeley. 731-7739.

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Quan Yin Healing Arts Center Non-profit clinic provides affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies; treatment for people living with HIV, chronic hepatitis, PMS & other gynecological imbalances, Stop Smoking Clinic

Rainbow's End: Support group for lesbian, gay, bisexual and questioning youth, 14-23. Aug. 11, 18, 25. Dropin time for first time visitors is 6:30; group time is 7-8:30pm. Spectrum Center, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., San Anselmo. Call Lea, 457-1115, ext. 201.

Reiter's Syndrome: HIV+ patients seeking to form an information network sharing experience, treatments and symptoms, call 923-1560.

Sadhana Brothers is a fellowship of gay men who are practitioners of Hindu-based spiritual practices. Info: Ed

Safer Sex Education 933 Harrison is available for Safer Sex Education workshops and community outreach programs at no charge to responsible community groups. Info: write to Community HIV Prevention Program, 933 Harrison, SF 94107.

SF AIDS Foundation Trilingual Hotline is seeking vol-unteers for weekly, 3 hr. shifts. Training for English-speaking candidates Aug. 13,14, Sept. 10. Call 864-5855, ext. 2000.

SFSU Black Men's AIDS Study needs informal caregivers who are willing to be interviewed about stress and their methods to cope. Contact the Black Men's AIDS Study, Department of Psychology, SFSU, 1600 Holloway Ave., SF 94132. Call 338-2621.

Shanti Project's Latino Program: specifically serves Latino men, women, adolescents and children infected with and affected by HIV. Provides help with emotional peer counseling and practical support like shopping, cooking, cleaning, child care and medically-related transportation. For more information, call 864-CARE.

Shanti Project's Crossings Program, serving men, women, adolescents and children living with HIV in the Tenderloin, Mission and South of Market, is recruiting volunteers for a 3-day training Aug. 13, 14 & 20. Call 864-CARE.

Spectrum's Gay/Blsexual Men's Drop-In Rap Group: meets Aug. 17, 24, 31, 7:30 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., San Anselmo. Call Lea, 457-1115, ext. 201.

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COMMUNITY

Crime

(Continued from page 3)

Castro area for crimes ranging from aggressive panhandling and petty theft to burglary and assault with a deadly weapon.

"Crime is still here, but it's not as bad as it was," says Phil

Hogan, the owner of Husbands, an 18th Street boutique.

He was critical of some area merchants who he says "don't really seem to care about the comreally seem to care about the community. They just want to make money from it. The situation down here would really turn around if every business signed up for the patrol special. We'd have police services 24 hours a day."

Stancombe says the private police effort has 65 merchants members, who receive the service for \$5 a day.

And while crime in the Case.

vice for \$5 a day.

And while crime in the Castro is a reality merchants must contend with, it's relative, says Faerie Queene Chocolates owner Jeoffrey Douglas.

When Douglas operated a shop in Union Square, he was rebed twice at currents.

shop in Union Square, he was robbed twice at gunpoint.

"There's a much safer feeling here. We've had some stealing but nothing by comparison to down there. There is not the apprehension we had there. I feel very relaxed in the Castro. Very safe," he told the B.A.R.

At press time, the Bay Area Reporter has learned police have

Reporter has learned police have arrested an individual charged with several robberies in the Castro.

According to SFPD Robbery Inspector Tom Vigo, the suspect may be the same person impli-cated in a series of recent robberies on Polk Street.

The suspect was arrested following an intensive police response and investigation into the Castro crime wave. ▼

Correction

In last week's news article about the stabbing of Mario Mondelli by Dean Freeman, M.D., the Bay Area Reporter incorrectly spelled Mondelli's name We regret the error.

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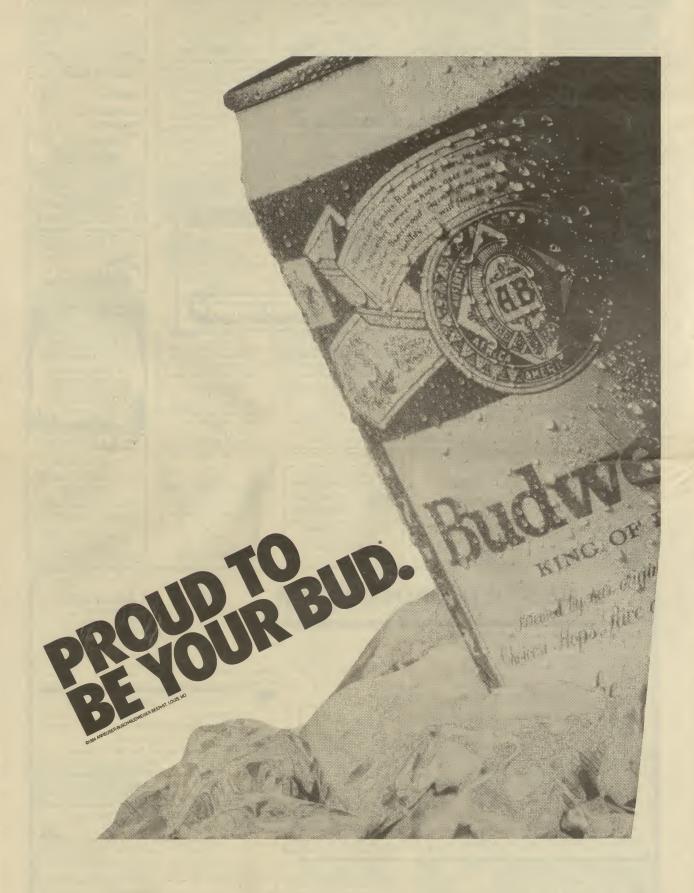
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Choreographer Robert Henry Johnson

ogether

by Wendell Ricketts

ancer and choreographer Robert Henry Johnson gets a kick out of being called a "renaissance guy." "Being seen as someone who can just do everything." But "renaissance guy" is only one of the many labels dance critics have applied to Johnson over the years and "a little bit of familiarity" is a modest understatement. In fact, there's precious little in dance that Johnson doesn't do well, and not much in his repertoire that doesn't send journalists scrambling frantically to find synonyms for the word

For a guy who admits only to being "20-something" (he's actually 26), Johnson has an impressive amount of experience under his belt. His work has been mounted on Ballet British Columbia and the Bavarian State Ballet in Munich.

Scenes From My Love Life

Sex and Love, '90s Style

by Chad Jones

ene is a theater critic, Walgreen's pharmacist and drag queen. Isaac is an actor whose boyfriend is leaving him because he's jealous of Isaac's copious phone-sex liaisons. Mike is a Blow Buddies regular who wishes there was a sex club for people no uglier than himself and that allows nice wardrobes. Then there's Richard, who goes to the gym just to cruise the sauna, Bill, a leather man who can't get the B.A.R. to print his classified ad correctly and Chris, an opera queen who, try as he and Chris, an opera queen who, try as he might, just can't get into phone sex or sex clubs.

clubs.

All are prototypes of the hip San Francisco gay male of the '90s, and all are part of director/writer Ronnie Larsen's invigorating, entertaining and insightful new play Scenes from My Love Life at Theater Rhino.

Stashed away in Rhino's basement theater Larsen's Scenes play out like an erot.

ater, Larsen's Scenes play out like an erotic dream, a British sex farce and a comic nightmare in all its many guises. The ensemble of nine actors delivers uniformly ensemble of nine actors delivers uniformly strong performances, with standout work from Christian Canterbury as Chris, the opera queen who gets dumped on by everyone for being a nice, stable guy who can't get into any of the "scenes" outside the opera house. Canterbury has a natural affability that keeps Chris from being a goody-goody, which makes him a nice foil (Continued on page 38)



Scenes From My Love Life.



Lesbians In Context

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arlier this year reviewed an execrable book called *The Penguin* Book of Lesbian Short
Stories, a collection that gave
new meaning to the term rip-off.
This collection lacked context,
analysis, and frankly had little, if any, redeeming value. Now, how-ever, Viking Penguin redeems (Continued on page 42)



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OUT THERE

by Daniel Mangin

he Name Game: The four-hour Testing the Limits PBS series about gay civil rights started out as "Taking Liberties," but that title was already taken. Next came the just too-clever "Ameriqa," which sponsoring ITVS nixed, and after that "Citizen Q" (no report on who said nein to this).

"A Question of Equality" is the current title, and though it's not set in stone, there is letterhead – but then again there was for the others, too. (Leave it to a gay show to go over budget on stationery.)

Richard Kwietniowski (Flaming Passions), the series' consulting producer, suggested "Freedom"s Fury," but we say nay – sounds too much like a Danielle Steel TV movie "starring Jaclyn Smith as the fiery yet vulnerable Freedom..."

Rob Epstein, Jeffrey Friedman and their Celluloid Closet crew just completed initial Hollywood interviews at Raleigh Studios, formerly owned by Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks. Among those reminiscing about gays on film were Shirley MacLaine, Harry Hamlin, Mariel Hemingway, Robert Towne, and Paul Richards, the geeky "Cockroach" of The Strange One.

Also before the cameras: Kenneth Anger, who outed everyone from John Wayne to that right-wing biblical epic star to people you never knew or cared were gay. Fun stuff if at times dubious, but don't expect to see much of it in the finished HBO production; it debuts in '95.

Our fly on the shoot's wall informs us that CC bigwigs had nice digs but some crew members ended up at "the Beck's of LA." Jacuzzi, lots of gay guys running around with only towels – sounds like a fine joint to us, but the erstwhile producers are looking to upgrade when the



Kenneth Anger: CC's big mouth

team heads back to Hollywood this weekend.

For the second time in recent memory, a sizable contingent of the *On Our Backs* staff has bolted the publication, from time to time a.k.a. the "magazine by bisexuals for lesbians." Dissatisfaction ran high over money/management issues.

The renegades' new effort is called *Girlfriends*. A lesbian friend has been drooling all over the first issue's Romy Suskin butch photo spread. To the (cold) showers, honey — naw, you'd get off on that, too.

Are we the only ones having a chuckle over those cable ads for the Claremont Spa featuring the complimentary blurb by the (formerly?) left-leaning cultural critic? No – one of her catty NYC friends turned us on

to the paradoxical plug.

Those nattering nabobs of negativism who didn't think Dennis Cooper's Frisk could be adapted for the screen can find out just how wrong they were when Marcus Hu guest lectures (Professor Marcus Hu? — now there's a scary thought) and shows clips at one of the fall semester sessions of your humble guest columnist's City College gay film class. (Did they really think he came out of gossip retirement purely for the the glory and paltry salary? Forget it!)

In the current Filmmaker magazine, Producer Hu declares Frisk "a gay Reservoir Dogs" – not that we can recall anyone in the community clamoring for such a creation. Hu informs Out There that James Lyons has just taken on the dual role originally slated for the late Ron Vawter (Philadelphia). Lyons played the jackoff-ee in the Genet section of Poison, directed by his lover Todd Haynes.

Also new to Frisk's cast is Parker Posey, who played (Continued on page 38)



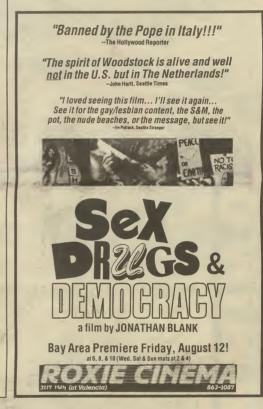




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Arturo Galster in Go Happy Ball, see Out There, page 38.



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Charles Busch Gets Back to Basics in New Show

Drag 101

by Chad Jones

Busch hits his stride in his new one-man show at Josie's Cabaret, it is easy to see how he achieved his minor cult status as the drag diva star and writer of such shows as Vampire Lesbians of Sodom and Psycho

Lesbians of Sodom and Psycho Beach Party.

Wearing "straight" garb — straight for Busch anyway — a glittering, black, sleeveless blouse and black slacks ("I look like Judy Garland on her way to the Eagle!"), accented by slight but flattering make-up, Busch delivered himself unto his fans without his usual gowns, wigs and loads of Max Factor. The and roads of Max Pactor. The absence of accourtement does not, however, stop Busch from doing what he does best. In between some sappy songs and some amusing novelty numsome amusing novelty numbers, Busch conjures up several drag personaes. And it's in these moments that Busch's cabaret show – his first in nearly a decade – becomes the perfect vehicle to show off what this star does best.

Being a good gay performer, Busch begins his show with a "tribute" to Barbra Streisand. Busch begins his show with a "tribute" to Barbra Streisand. Written by Busch and Dick Gallagher, "I've Got Something She Ain't Got" is Busch's peppy way of providing a brief history of his career in comparison to la Streisand's. The number sets that tone for the avening. ber sets the tone for the evening by laying out the ingredients: a New York drag performer with a moderately pleasant voice who knows how to sell a number with performance skills that go beyond the limits of the go beyond the limits of the voice, a humorously self-depre-cating take on cult/drag star-dom, and rigid piano accompa-niment provided by Lucky Choi that is in no way a good match for Busch's ebullient, old-school showmarship. school showmanship.
After another novelty num-

ber, this one a faux blues growler about the cable TV man, Busch pulls out one of his diva personaes and ignites the show. Plopped on top of the piano, Busch becomes a charac-ter actress in a '40s B picture. Singing "Mr. Man of Mine" and interpolating bits of juicy dia-



Charles Busch

logue, Busch tells the story of a crusty c h a n -teuse on the make for a rich husband. To watch Busch sink his t e e t h
into this

ing to get the big laughs. When he attempts a serious ballad like the Kurt Weill/Langston Hughes "Lonely House," the show wobbles while he warbles. Because the show is so short, we don't want to spend time on the so-called emotional numbers. We want drag and laughter! iuicy material is to see a Charles Busch has not perwhat he does best. Busch's tal-ent is even more remarkable given the fact that he does not formed in San Francisco for a decade. It is a welcome return have any costumes to help him create his character. He relies and a pleasure to see such a hard-working entertainer strutting his (and her) stuff on the stage. solely on body language, voice and, most important, attitude. His other non-drag drag show-piece concerns Miriam Passman, a high school French Charles Busch Josie's Cabaret teacher, performing her tribute to Edith Piaf. Busch is nothing short of hilarious in this finely

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Editor's note: As of this printing, Charles Busch has altered the drag aspects of his

become so vivid that an element of real pity creeps into the hilar-

ity.

Of the songs Busch performs in this 50-minute show, his revamped version of "Is That All There Is" is a stand-out. Busch does Peggy Lee one better by wondering if that's all there is to being butch, being glamorous and being a diva. It's another chance for Busch to show off his skill at underplaying to get the big laughs. When he attempts a serious ballad like

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Bartel's 'Shelf Life' Has None

Eating (And Puking) Bartel

detailed portrait of a dreadful singer whose neglected child-

hood haunts her at every turn. By the time Miriam rips into "Je ne regret rien," she's

by Chris Culwell

urning a play into a film can be a tricky business, especially if the play manages to say everything it needs to say and surpasses in expression its cinematic translation. Though it's hard to imagine that Sheff Life, even when it was just a play (co-written by its three performers O-Lan Jones, Andrea Stein and Jim Turner), was ever very good, the film version by Paul Bartel

is even worse. How this thirdrate drivel ever found its way before a director, a photograph-er, and an editor without someone protesting its enormous stuone protesting its enormous stu-pidity is incomprehensible. What's more perplexing, though is how a director with Bartel's track record (Eating Raoul, Scenes from the Class Struggle in Beverly Hills) could have wasted time on such blath-ering hilge.

Ostensibly a comedy, Shelf Life, which opens at the Castro Theatre on August 12, is about an Anaheim family, the St. Clouds – Pam, Tina and Scotty (Stein, Jones and Turner) – who've been locked in the family fallout shelter since daddy and mommy dragged them and mommy dragged them there in a fit of suburban para-noia the day of John F. Kennedy's assassination in 1963. "Commies and Martians are everywhere," says daddy. It's now 30 years later and we get to see what's happend - or get to see what's happened – or not happened – to them since their human evolution stopped on that fateful day.

Plotless bore

Since there is no plot in Shelf Life, director Bartel occupies creen time showing us the St. Cloud's daily routine in the hovel they've called home for three decades. We see them throwing food, yelling at one another, watching TV and playing endless games they've created to pass the time. As television is the family's only con-

nection to the world, and its nection to the world, and its sole source of amusement outside of each other, the games they play resemble typical TV fare. They imitate B movie characters and scenarios, sing the theme songs, and fashion clothes after their favorite characters. And because their rales acters. And because their rela-tionships have been determined completely by the tube's violent and hierarchical world, the St. Cloud's attempts to communicate duly reflect TV's sado-masochistic patterns of winning and losing, of glorification and humiliation.

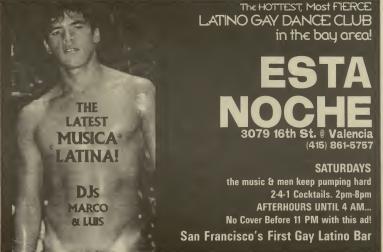
humiliation.

This theme gets worked to death in Shelf Life to the point of inducing aphasia. To provide relief, Bartel occasionally has the humiliated party being dragged by his/her siblings into the room containing the bones of their deceased parents (they of their deceased parents (they died after eating a bad can of salmon), but this attempt at hilarity, coming well into the body of a film with few or no real laughs, seems feeble to say

the least.

Dreary antics continue unabated until Bartel himself, playing some sort of land surveyor, digs a hole into the St. Cloud's shelter, signaling the end of their captivity and, thankfully, the film. For those with extract temporary thankfully. with strong stomachs, Shelf Life will no doubt give new meaning to the expression sibling rivalry, but if the sour countenances of the preview audience I watched the film with mean anything,

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Scenes

(Continued from cover)

for all the unrestrained sexuality surrounding him. In Canterbury's best scene, he makes his first visit to Blow Buddies, where he encounters the aptly named John. Canterbury deftly maneuvers Chris' simultaneous revulsion of the sex club experience and his

undeniable arousal.

Also excellent is Drue
Mackintosh as Mike, the detailoriented queer who gets sidelined at Blow Buddies for wearing cologne. Mackintosh oozes
crispy attitude and makes

Mike's fascination with details while performing phone sex seem at turns funny and sympathetic: "Is there hair around the nipples, or are you completely bare? Can you wrap your finger all the way around it?"

Patrick J. O' Connor as

Patrick J. O' Connor as Richard, the sex pot, also scores in his portrayal of what could have been in less capable hands just another stereotypical slut. Writer Larsen's acute sensibility allows his less full-bodied characters – like Richard – their full humanity, so Richard is a type, but he is also allowed some selfawareness and the ability to find humor in his experience.

Phone sex and mousse

Without a driving plot to keep his audience involved in the action, Larsen relies on the charm of his actors and on the fast pace of his moving tableaux. Short scenes between several actors are interspersed between ensemble set pieces, often involving phone sex lines. Several of these pieces are positively inspired: watching a line-up of men getting dressed

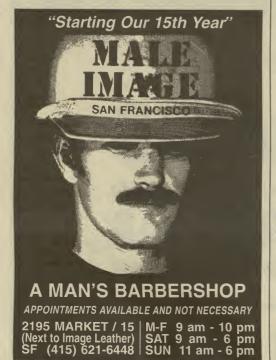
before their bathroom mirrors while Carly Simon blares "You're so vain" is a funny, accurate chronicle, but when the men come to the mousse stage of their ablutions, the line becomes a never ending circle of gay men throughout the universe becoming one with their hair. It's a beautifully exaggerated moment.

The individual scenes do not all enjoy the same level of success, but they accomplish some significant character building by the play's end. Of the two central characters, only Chris comes across as fully developed. The other central character, Isaac the actor, verges on annoying. J. Bixby Elliot's portrayal of Isaac is ingenious enough, but Larsen has saddled Elliot with some of his least effective material. For instance, early in the play Isaac recounts what he considers to be a landmark moment in his life when, at Safeway, in the breakfast cereal aisle, he sees a man with KS lesions all over his face reach for a box of Life cereal. This is a hyper self-conscious

moment bordering on silly. Given the play's numerous strengths, it is too bad a central character can't be more focused and interesting.

As a director directing his own work, Larsen has produced a surprisingly effective play. He keeps the action crisp and the pace fluid. His actors, for the most part, find the heart of the scenes and breathe dramatic, comedic life into them. As both writer and director, it is obvious Larsen is having fun with today's seemingly endless varieties of homo sex. From phone sex to sex clubs, leather daddies to drag queens, personal ads to digs at local theater critics, Larsen and his talented ensemble have created a funny, honest and ultimately heartening piece of theater. Their success demands that these Scenes from My Love Life be seen.

Scenes from My Love Live Theatre Rhino, through August 28 861-5079



OUT THERE

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Mary Ann's high-school friend in *Tales of the City*. Posey's come a long way, baby, since she showed M.A. how to pick up guys at the Marina Safeway. In *Frisk* she and Lyons play a couple into snuff – surely you remember the similar plot line in *Res Dogs*.

Posey did a fab turn in *Dazed* and *Confused* and also appears in **Gregg Araki's** biggest-budgeted project ever, *The Doomed Generation*, about a totally f***ed up heterosexual couple. Can wait.

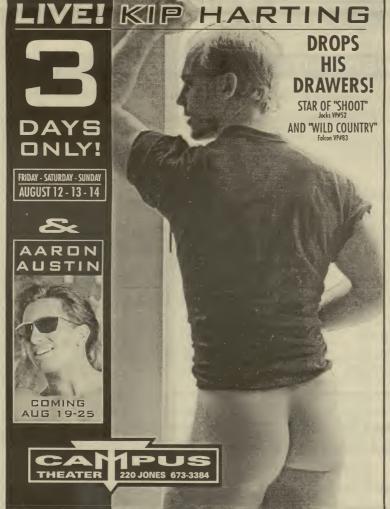
Also popping into the aforementioned CCSF class (first sessions are Aug. 24, or Aug. 25, 6:30 p.m., Everett Middle School; 668-0767 for info) is Karen Everett. The director will sneak preview some of her latest, 1 Shall Not Be Removed: The Life of Marlon Riggs.

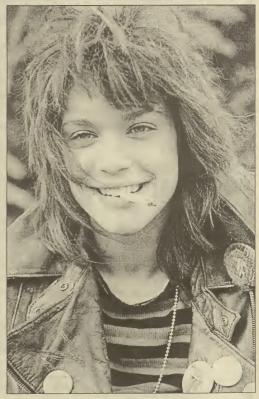
Jenni Olson has lured lesbian cult hero Robin Johnson, star of the 1980 Robert Stigwood R&R extravaganza Times Square, to introduce a Sept. 16 Roxie screening. The film is the

opening-night feature for the ATA-produced Out About Age Queer Film and Video Festival (sounds like a vicious movement to force homosexuals to reveal their true ages).

As this column itself proves, leave it to the same bad pennies to keep turning up. Exhibit B is Mr. Ggreg Taylor, now pushing a weekly live soap opera titled *Coit Tower*.

Taylor's description begins, "Two victims have been found atop Coit Tower, unconscious, suffocated with FA.O. Schwarz bags over their heads..." We're hooked already. Coit is part of the weekly (Fridays, 9 p.m.; 267-3908) GO Happy Ball at the Embassy Lounge at 600 Polk St. ▼





Sexy Robin Johnson.

Queer Presence at Yoyo A Go Go '94

by Adrian Roberts

the outside. n the outside, Olympia, Wash-ington looks just like any other small, yup-scale community. Why then, has it become such a focal point on the map of the indie-music

This otherwise unassuming city is home to more than just a thy is nome to more than just a few excellent bands and no less than four independent record labels, including Calvin Johnson's K Records and Slim Moon's Kill Rock Stars. Many Moon's Kill Rock Stars, Many locals claim it's the sheer boredom of living in a small town that has spawned Olympia's burgeoning punk scene. Others cite the slogan of a locally brewed beer as the answer to my query: "It's the water."
Whatever the reason, I'm glad it's the case. What brought me to this indie-rock mecca recently was Yoyo A Go Go a

recently was Yoyo A Go Go, a friendly music festival, where for five days and nights, over 700 punks descended upon the downtown's Capitol Theatre to mosh to their favorite punk

bands.
Punk rock has a come a long way since 1977 – so long, in fact, that the scene itself has become fractured and divided. In Olympia, I witnessed first-hand the state of punk, circa 1004

There was friction between There was friction between the old-school punks and the newer "K kids." Old-school is exactly what you probably think of when you think punk: leather of when you think punk: leather jackets, green mohawks, and safety pins through the ears. "Postcard punks" I call them. The newer punks (called "K kids" due to their association with bands on the K record label) seem to have a less stringent dress code, but aspire to the same D.I.Y. (do-it-yourself) aesthetic as the older punks.

The K kids do, however, accept more diversity in their

The K kids do, however, accept more diversity in their music. They're the ones keeping the spirit of the scene alive with a fresh perspective that embraces women and queers where there were once just straight white males.

Queer presenceAmong the 50-plus bands performing, there were a number of queer groups in the lineup, and this being a gay newspa-per, I'll focus upon on the seven

per, I'll focus upon on the seven or so that were there.

The first night featured a wide mix of music, with the most striking coming from an acoustic female duo called Tattle Tale. Utilizing just guitar, cello, and the strength of their beautifully harmonized voices, these two punk grife stirred up. these two punk girls stirred up an intense outpouring of emo-tion. Though they may seem to follow in the footsteps of their follow in the footsteps of their cliched, lesbian folk-singing sisters, they differentiate themselves by being unafraid to scream and shout, letting their voices get raw and gritty. (Their demo tape is available on Kill Rock Stars, 120 NE State Ave. No. 418, Olympia, WA 98501.) Of all the queer bands that played at Yoyo A Go Go, the Mukilteo Fairies were definitely the most in-your-face, which is why it's unfortunate that

is why it's unfortunate that they've broken up. Playing one of their last shows, the Fairies

went out with a bang, pounding through a fast, obnoxious per-

Lead singer and fag-about-town Josh was a complete live wire, hurling himself into the moshing crowd every chance he moshing crowd every chance he got. During some between-song chatter, he made pointed jabs at the homogenized, elitist, and somewhat hypocritical Olympia riot grrrl scene, saying, "Let's get some fags or dykes to dance up here, or at least girls who just look like dykes, there seem to be a lot of those around."

The Mukilteo Fairies have a new release on Outpunk (P.O. Box, 170501, San Francisco, CA 94117) that plays just like their set: loud, fast, and short.

While quintessential bisexual riot grrrl band Bratmobile may

riot grrrl band Bratmobile may have imploded last May in New York, lead singer Allison Wolfe has hardly been sitting idle. She now fronts the self-proclaimed "horrorcore" band, **Dig Your** Grave, which, I'm going to be honest here, really sucks. But in a good way. Lending credence to the expression "so bad it's good," Allison led her two beaugood," Allison led her two beau-tiful boy bandmates through a set of sloppy punk rock that ended with an obligatory wail of screeching feedback, courtesy of Joaquin, their gorgeous drummer/guitarist.

Easy on the eyes
Local San Francisco band
Fagbash made a strong impression by introducing some diversity into their set. Veering away from the straightforward rock approach, they occasionally slowed things down a bit, while still maintaining the edge that makes them so good in the first place. They don't play live very often, so if you get a chance to see the group here, I recommend you do. Besides, they're all very easy to look at.

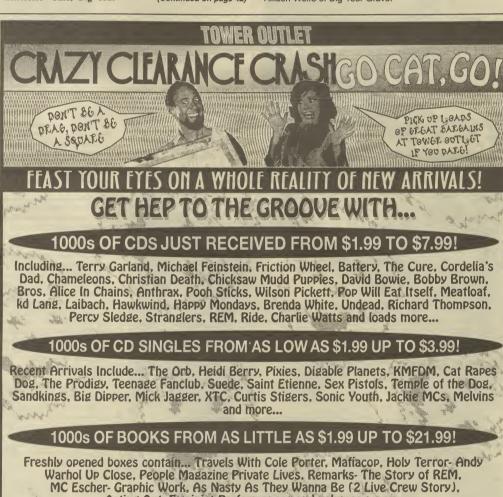
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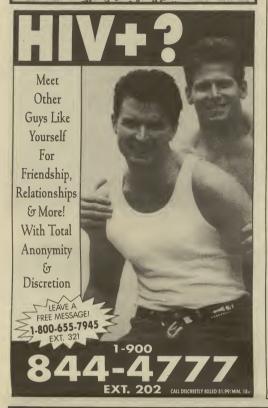
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BOOKS

Genital and a Scholar

Gender Outlaw by Kate Bornstein, Routledge; \$23

by John F. Karr

ur leading gen-derists – if I may coin a label for a practitioner of gen-der, such as the nation's most visible transsexual, Kate Bornstein – are exhibit-ing a disturbing trend. They seem to be abandoning the field. Both Kate Bornstein in her absorbing, provocative new book, *Gender Outlaw* and sev-eral of the women who've become men interviewed by become men interviewed by Amy Bloom in a revelatory "Reporter at Large" piece in the July 18 issue of the *New Yorker*, profess to be moving beyond gender. As if one can be *no* gen-der. Is this the coming thing? Is gender, once viewed as destiny,

gender, once viewed as destiny, going, going gone?
Perhaps. We can easily escape the cultural baggage of genderisms – blue is for boys, pink for girls – but despite the pronouncements of genderists, biology appears to be implaca-

. Don't despair. In Gender Outlaw. Kate Bornstein may persuade you that gender is, indeed, changeable. Gender, she says, is a bi-polar system kept in place by our genitals and our minds. While you think and our minds. While you think only one half of that pair can be argued with, Kate urges us to free ourselves from the confines of gender by losing the first and loosening the latter.

As disarmingly pointed as



noto: Jaime Smith

Kate Bornstein

she's been on numerous talk shows. Kate has never been better spoken than in this book, a combination of autobiography, philosophical treatise and politi-cal mandate. More than anything, however, *Gender Outlaw* is a conversation. Its clever lay-out allows Kate a quick-witted dia-logue with scholars, other members of the transsexual communi-ty, and even herself. She includes the pertinent medical facts we're curious about, but spends more time searching through the psy-chology of gender. Through her searching we

come to see gender as a composite of our bodies and minds. First, Kate demonstrates the First, Kate demonstrates the nonsense of labels: upon changing his gender, a man whose love for women classified him as heterosexual, finds that although his behavior is admirably constant, his unchanged love now makes him a lesbian.

Kate also—shows us the importance of making the body

importance of making the body fit the mind – allowing one's physique to conform with one's pnysique to conform with one's personality. Dr. Don Laub, transsexuality's pre-eminent surgeon, prefers to call the change "gender confirmation" change "gender confirmation instead of "gender reassign-

Despite the high skepticism with which I greeted each chap-ter, Kate proved disarming. Her discussion is wide-ranging, emcompassing drag, the importance of camp, the viability of S/M, the differences between gender and sexual orientation, and the rigors of "passing under others' doubtful gaze.

Living without limits

Although she preaches escape from the oppression of gender, did she herself achieve such an escape in trading one gender for another? Kate explores two forms of escape in answer to that question. Why

didn't she become the Gender Blender, so exquisitely exem-plified by Justin Bond, or the Gender Transcender of the traditional shaman?

Kate responds that these weren't her roles. Unlike gender, these roles cannot be donned. One is born to them. And she's just somewhat piqued that we aren't consulted at birth about our proposed gender. She wreas us to follow her. der. She urges us to follow her example, and claim the power to be who we ought to be. Finally, I want to know why Kate has modeled herself after

a traditionally styled woman, one who wears tailored clothes, one who wears tailored clothes, demure make-up and pearl drop earrings? Simple: she always wanted to be one. Plus this savvy nugget, "Traditional form permits an audience to experience non-traditional content in relative safety."

Gender Outlaw is not without its problems. Although it is richly illustrated, it lacks an index, More important, it lacks

index. More important, it lacks empirical facts to support its contentions and theories. Although research just hasn't progressed far enough, Dr. progressed far enough, Dr. Laub provides some backup in the recent *New Yorker* article, which quotes his belief that mental gender is set by intrauterine hormonal balances,

intrauterine hormonal balances, which can sometimes be out of balance with physical gender. Following the text of her play, Hidden: A Gender, Kate drops the mantle of proselytizer to reveal herself as a mystic. In the poetic and exciting farewell concluding the book, Kate finds herself beginning a journey beyond gender to realms of the body as yet uncharted. She leaves us hoping for another communique from the frontier soon. Going over the edge with Kate in Gender Outlaw is consoon. Going over the edge with Kate in *Gender Outlaw* is con-founding, confusing, always exhilarating, and ultimately enlightening.



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An Interview With Author Stanley Siegel

esign for Living

tanley Siegel lost his map. He had been fol-lowing one, of course, on the psychological journey that took him far in his career as a family counselor, and gave him a wife and daughter. But when he came out at age 37 and realized his old map was ill-suited to gay living, Siegel found himself without a blueprint for his new life. It has been been to be a wife of the second of the se without a blueprint for his new life. In his new book, Uncharted Lives: Understanding the Life Passages of Gay Men (Dutton, \$21.95), Siegel examines how gay men draw their own life maps, and where they lead.

In Uncharted Lives, Siegel, along with co-author Ed Lowe Ir.. attempts to delineate the

Jr., attempts to delineate the stages of life common to gay men across lines of difference, by interviewing a hundred gay men. While straight men gener-ally follow a somewhat prede-termined menu of life choices, Siegel writes, gay men are left without parallel conventions and psychological landmarks to guide them through life. His book simultaneously pieces together a rough gay map based on common experiences revealed through extensive interviews, and also examines the impact on gay men of going through life without a formal "chart."

A psychotherapist by training, Siegel is keen to analyze personal histories, repressed memories, family relationships, and sexual maturation. Siegel further relates his broader analysis to his course for the second f sis to his own story of delayed adolescence, sexual experimen-tation, and subcultural bonding. Thus his book becomes a hybrid of a social scientific thesis on the "life passages of gay men" and an autobiographical sketch of the author himself.

of the author himself.
Finding the gay community
is one of the most significant
steps in a gay man's life, says
Siegel. It is here that a gay man
can first become an insider,
instead of the outsider he has
become in what Siegel dubs the
"heterosevist community" Once "heterosexist community." Once a gay man discovers the gay man discovers community and comes to identi-fy himself with it, Siegel finds, he often separates himself from the heterosexist world he has known, and submerges himself in a gay ghetto. While he believes most gay men eventually find a more balanced position of reintegration with the larger community, Siegel maintains that this ghettoization is a vital component of a gay man's life.

"I think most people go through a period of pride and separatism at some stage," he says. "I think it's a necessary stage, both in one's individual evolution and in a cultural evolution. Immersing oneself in an

lution. Immersing oneself in an affirmative, like-minded culture allows for a sense of freedom without hostility."

Speeded-up stages
But as society becomes increasingly tolerant, and gay men come out at younger ages and adjust more quickly, the life stages that Siegel has described tend to speed up. What this means in terms of gay self-segregation may also affect the entire essence of being gay, Siegel warns. Siegel warns.
"There is the chance that the

ghettoes in the process will be more or less accelerated to the point of elimination by the changes," he says. "While there are many advantages to that, are many advantages to that, there are also consequences and dangers. It's a question too of thinking about what we give up that is so unique and original that we want to save and protect.

That's the dilemma of change."
While Siegel is hardly one to celebrate the heterosexism that forces gay men into outsider sta-tus even in their own minds, this tus even in their own minds, this marginalization has left gay men with the ability – and the need – to create their own life patterns from scratch. "Adversity forces the gay man to develop a creative genius for living," Siegel asserts in his book, and that valuable asset may be lost as yay men enter the mainstream

valuable asset may be lost as gay men enter the mainstream.

"What was wonderful and extraordinary in the interviews that I did was the constant discovery of the inventiveness and creativity of gay men," says Siegel. "I think collectively, maybe as we push for our civil rights, that we invent conventions to assimilate, and I think it

actually comes at a very high

price, at the expense of quieting our many voices.

"Unless we protect this and remember what we are, we'll move from margin to center and in the process lose our inven-tiveness and creativeness," Siegel warns. "We need to fight for our civil rights for what we deserve as equal citizens in this society without compromising our wonderful position of out-siders, and that's a hard line to walk, or a hard paradox to main-

waik, of a native paradox to a stain."

If increasing openness has changed the speed with which gay men progress through the life stages Siegel has described in his book, another factor may change the equations and conchange the equations and considerations much more drastically: AIDS. In the book, Siegel discusses the periods of re-eval-uation gay men encounter in their lives. But AIDS has pushed issues of mortality and limitation into younger minds, creating a sort of mid-life crisis immediately following a belated gay adolescence, with little room for unfettered psychological security in between.

The big questions
"The fact of AIDS has made every gay man deal with the question of what is death and what is life, and what is impor-tant in life, so it has forced a very early period of re-evalua-tion," says Siegel. "Hopefully, in the lessons of AIDS, it has forced a recommitment to life that's based more on the present and more in love. In general, gay men, in order to know who they are and justify their exis-tence, have developed a terrific

ability for self-examination."

Even if AIDS has changed the time frame, it has not

changed the stages of sexual development in gay men, Siegel says. While previously gay men had to shed the heterosexist constructions of sexuality before going on to construct their own new sexual paradigms, this same model still holds true even with (Continued on page 42)





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Chloe

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Itself with this collection, Chloe Plus Olivia, compiled and edited by Lillian Faderman (who wrote Surpassing the Love of Men and Odd Girls and Twilight Lovers). Here's richness— a collection of lesbian literature that establishes a political, theoretical, and literary

context for the ways in which lesbians have been portrayed, and have portrayed themselves,

over the past three centuries.

One of the heinous (literary) crimes of our homophobic culture is the way in which writing by or about lesbians is either ignored (which is bad) or transignored (which is bad) or trans-formed into something hetero-sexual (which is worse). Thus, Emily Dickinson's literary biog-raphers sought (and still seek) to

transform the rich transform the rich lesbian imagery of her poetry by invent-ing a male persona for her first person voice, and by creating mystery men for whose unrequited love Emily spent much of her life in isolation. Of course, her seclusion was from men she had rich contacts with women throughout her life. But in patriarchal culture, a woman is not allowed to disregard men; she must be dragged into a heterosexual matrix. Thus, Emily's love affair with Sue Gilbert is dismissed, and another lesbian writer is erased

Discovering the past

Literary meaning depends upon context, upon the influ-ences of earlier writers, upon intertextuality. A literature with-out a past is one which must constantly reinvent itself. And a liter stantly reinvent itself. And a liter-ature which must continually reinvent its origins is one that can never develop or mature. Faderman uncovers the abundant history of lesbian writing, and analyzes the literary influences that helped to form the ways in which lesbians see and are seen. To that end, she includes writings by men about lesbians, since these published writers helped to create the attributes that were tresse published writers helped to create the attributes that were included in the shorthand term "lesbian." In her introduction to the collection, Faderman establishes "a historical and theoretiilsnes a historical and theoreti-cal framework" for the notion of lesbian literature. Recognizing that the term lesbian is anachro-nistic when applied to the writnistic when applied to the writings of earlier centuries, she nevertheless outlines six categories of lesbian writing: kindred spirits: the literature of romantic friendship; a man trapped in a woman's body: the literature of exual inversion; carnivorous flowers: the literature of exotic and evil lesbians; in the closet: the literature of lesbian encoding; amazons: the literature of lesbian feminism; and flowerlesbian feminism; and flower-ings: post-lesbian-feminist litera-

These categories of lesbian literature serve as a brief social history of lesbianism as well. Throughout the book, Faderman Inrougnout the book, Faderman constantly contextualizes the writings that she selects, creat-ing a rich history both of the art of lesbians and of the lives we live. She shows how early lesbian writers were influenced by male definitions, and the ways in which the lives of lesbians, influenced by what they read, served to validate male writers' conception of the literary les-

bian.

Of particular interest is Faderman's discussion of the medical, or rather, pathological model of lesbians created by the male sexologists of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. She points out that the notion of appropriate gender behavior was "sacrosanct" to the 19th century men of science, and that behavior once classified as behavior once classified as immoral (such as women seeking sexual pleasure) became abnormal. The result was a period when women who loved women, or had brains or indeed any skilfs of the non-domestic were anathematized ongenital inverts, the so-called third sex

The wave of feminism dur-ing this period caused Havelock Ellis (a noted sexolo-gist who believed that wet Havelock Ellis (a noted sexologist who believed that wet dreams were once the cause of venereal disease) to complain that the women's movement "involved an increase in feminine criminality and in feminine insanity... In connection with these we can scarcely be surprised to find an increase in homoseynality, which has homosexuality, which has always been regarded as belonging to an allied, if not the same group of phenomena."

This "scientific" nonsense This "scientific" nonsense served as the model for the suicidal lesbian psycho-killers of our own era.

More than theory
But Chloe Plus Olivia is

of literary theory or social history. The soul of this anthology is the extraordinary writing that Faderman has collected. "I have chosen," she writes, "to collect in this book only work that was written by European or North in this book only work that was written by Europeans or North Americans (inclusive of European or North American lesbians of color) because I lesbians of color) because I wished to trace a particular set of literary traditions through my selections." Recognizing the need for future collections of work by Asian, African, and South American lesbians, Faderman nevertheless offers cogent reasoning for her decision to limit the scope of this compilation. Context is all, and each piece in this anthology is

compilation. Context is all, and each piece in this anthology is given its historical as well as its biographical backdrop.

The selections are a varied mix of the familiar and the obscure, and serve as an introduction to new writers and a reminder of old favorites. Each woman's work is given a biographical introduction, as well as a brief bibliography for fur-ther reading. The result is a

ther reading. The result is a matchless opportunity to create one's own lesbian anthology, to make one's own exploration of this rich and fertile country.

Even if you choose to read only this anthology (and at 800 plus pages, I'm not sure "only" is the appropriate word), you will have taken a fantastic journey through lesbian culture. The earlier Penguin collection implied a paucity of choices from which selections could be made. Faderman's anthology made. Faderman's anthology hints at further riches yet to be discovered. From Aphra Behn to Jewelle Gomez, from Gertrude Stein to Audre Lord, from Willa Cather to Pat Parker, the selections serve to document a lesbian literary tradocument a less an interary tra-dition that can no longer be ignored or erased. Chloe Plus Olivia is a book that you will read and reread and treasure for



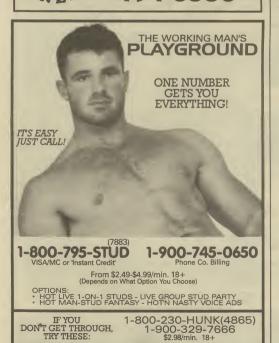


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Siegel

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AIDS to consider. And true to the creative model says Siegel, gay men have developed myriad ways to handle AIDS while still building a new

"AIDS does not have to stop sexual enjoyment, or even recreational sex," he says. "There are people pioneering a relationship to sex that involves safety, taking the lessons of the epidemic, involving a sense of spirituality that grows out of dealing with death, and also returning to some of the lessons of the '70s and the sexual liberation movement in terms of openness, enjoyment, and

'We're headed for a second sexual revolution,

he predicts, adding that straight people will likely follow suit, albeit years behind as usual.

Although Siegel includes a wide divergence of individual experience in his book, he still finds common threads that tie them together and create a basic sketch of gay life – a map that need not be followed, but one that should be recognized. Little of what Siegel reveals is shocking or trailblazing; it is the kind of book where readers nod along, surprised only to see what they already know molded into a coherent tale with apparent sim-

Above all, Siegel hopes that his book will encourage gay readers to examine their own personal life passages and create their own maps for

sonal life passages and creative.

living.

"It's important to know your narrative, because it is your narrative that guides you," says Siegel.
"As much as we can recall, remember, and sew together about our lives, the more we know of the story that we're guided by, consciously or unconsciously. I hope this book does the job of helping people place where they are in their lives, and gives people the opportunity to look backward and forward to where they might be going."

Yoyo

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The band that really blew me away was Team The band that really blew me away was feam Dresch. This veritable dyke-rock supergroup is led by Donna Dresch, who's played with Screaming Trees and Dinosaur Jr., among others. She finally got fed up with playing with boys and started her own all-dyke band. Jody from Hazel and Kaia of Calamity Jane round out the band, and they rocked hard! Their debut 7" on Kill Rock Stars finds them sounding more subdued than they do live but a least you can understand than they do live, but at least you can understand the lyrics

the lyrics.

To quote the Candy-Ass (Jody's record label) catalog, Excuse Seventeen are an "emo boy drummer and two girls who play guitar and scream about the complexities of being a tender, young bisexual." That sounds about right, with a definite emphasis on the "emo." (That's Olyspeak, by the way, for "emotional.") They tend to work we rather soud tops songs with a lot of dis-

speak, by the way, for "emotional.") They tend to muck up rather good pop songs with a lot of distortion and screaming. I really like that.

Heavens to Betsy played the second to last slot, right before the Spinanes, and though their stark intensity never fails to impress, Corin Tucker's dyke separatism and reverse misogyny rubbed some supporters, including me, the wrong way. Before they even started playing, Corin demanded that everyone with a penis move away from the front of the stage. "This front part is for women only, especially dykes," she said, as if there weren't already tons of women crammed at the front anyway.

the front anyway.

Later in the set, they played a new song, "Beg," which included the refrain: "I'm a manhater, and I like it that way." Though I'm one of the first to apologize for my gender's transgresthe first to apologize for my genuer's transgressions, it seems hypocritical to rally against sexism in song while practicing it oneself. It was the one negative spot in an otherwise overtly positive week of inspiring punk rock.

Johnson

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He's danced with Minnesota Dance Theatre, ODC/San Francisco, Shakiri Rootworkers, and Citicenter Dance Theatre, among others. The homegrown among others. The homegrown Johnson, who began his dance training at the Western Addition Cultural Center at the age of seven, attended McAteer High School, where he won a full scholarship to the San Francisco Ballet School.

The future is RHJDC In 1993, Johnson formed his own troupe, the Robert Henry Johnson Dance Company and, in celebration of the company's first anniversary, Johnson presents Second Sphere, a program of new work and San Francisco premieres, on August 12-14 at the New Performance Gallery. Including solos, duets, and group pieces for as many as 20 group pieces for as many as 20 dancers, Second Sphere features guest performances by Oakland Ballet's Stephanie Powell and Dance Theatre of Harlem's acclaimed principal dancer, Christina Johnson. Johnson's appearance is a particular coup for RHJDC as it's the only one she has scheduled in the Bay Area before 1996.

Area before 1996.

For those who know
Johnson's work, there's hardly a
need to explain why he's a mustsee. For those who don't, a few words will suffice: I have seen the future, and it is Robert Henry Johnson.

Henry Johnson.

Like so much of Johnson's work, the Second Sphere program promises to showcase one of Johnson's most unique talents: the ability to act as a forge. In the heat of Johnson's creative energy the strengths of varying datase forms (classical European) dance forms (classical European ballet, Congolese and other West African techniques, hiphop, jazz, and others) are annealed into a substance that is

somehow purer and stronger.

Call it "eclectic" if you like, but what Johnson is after is the point "when everything becomes parallel. When it's not an African dance, when it's not all African dance, when it's not ballet, when it's just dance. And all these dif-ferent ingredients are put into the pot to make a gumbo. "I know not everybody is

going to see that it's parallel,"
Johnson acknowledges. "Black
people, who have issues for
obvious reasons, come up to me

and say, 'Damn, it was so won-derful to see all that African movement up there.' And then (other) people will say, 'It was so classical. It was so balletic.' And then, praise God, most peo-ple go, 'It was just such a beau-tiful fusion.'''

At the same time, Johnson cares deeply that the elements of

At the same time, Johnson cares deeply that the elements of individual cultures, of individual identities are neither erased nor assimilated in his work. "I don't want people to escape who they are," Johnson says. "It's very important that we have our identity—whether that he bleet. tity-whether that be black. woman, gay, whatever. That cul-ture is very important. You can't make people respect you, but we're just here, and we're down for it, and we're not apologetic. So definitely I'm saying, 'I have an accent.' This may be ballet but, excuse me, I do have an accent. (I'd like people to) see my work, hear my accent and not rin." hear my accent, and not trip.

A question of balance

But Johnson isn't the only one with an accent. Many people don't realize, for example, that even a "classical" ballet master like George Balanchine adored jazz and African-based movement, that he worked frequently with black choreogra-phers like Katherine Dunham, and that he deliberately incorpo-rated "black" movement aes-thetics into what is still consid-ered the ideal of traditional (that is, European-based) ballet techis, European-based) ballet technique. Balanchine may have been engaging in a kind of cultural colonialism in the process, but the references are still there to be seen – and the debt remains largely unacknowl-edged. (With some bitterness, for example, Johnson recalls the teacher at San Francisco Ballet

School who told him that tap dancing was not an art form.)
"My thing is not to assimi-late," Johnson says. "I mean, you have to assimilate to a certain point and obviously there are Eurocentric values in the African-American experience, African-American experience, and that's what makes it so unique. But obviously (my work) is saying, 'This is who I am.' I know black people; so black folks are gonna be on stage. I love women; so I'm gonna ask women to perform with me. But I deal with the sensibility of exampling Securely. with me. But I deat with the sensual: I sense you all. People say this is universal, and I don't know if universal is the right word, but

OK, universal. All the truly there are issues. Truly we gotta work shit out. Because we do deal with positive and negative, male/female, the sun and the moon. A sense of balance is important." important.

For a dancer, "balance" is hardly an unusual word. So if hardly an unusual word. So it Johnson, as he puts it, walks down the street "with history on my shoulders," that doesn't mean his focus is turned backwards. And if he's got his eye on the future, that isn't to say he's forgotten the world he lives in now.

"We need to know about each

"We need to know about each other," Johnson says, "because we're stuck with each other. But people have truly not been dealing with who they are in relation to other folks. These are the [kinds of] things we need to be educated about. Because other people's culture doesn't come in a bottle. It's not something you can spray on your hair."

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Shelf

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then this film is destined for celluloid oblivion.

And well it should be, for everything about *Shelf Life* is wrong-headed. The film's most obvious error is that Bartel restricts the action to one room, the fall-out shelter, for 83 minutes. Though the film is following a limitation set by the play (performed first in LA), Bartel's loyalty to the original merely loyalty to the original merely succeeds in underscoring the vast differences between theater and cinema. Shelf Life's physical limitations alone should have been sufficient warning to Bartel that filming it would be an unbill battle. an uphill battle.

Supreme hypocrisy
But beyond its botched and arrogant attempts to pass as cinema, the worst thing about *Shelf Life* is its point of view. The film is revoltingly smug. (No doubt the play is too, but this reviewer hasn't seen it.) It tells us that TV

wastes people by pandering to the worst in them, yet Bartel's film panders to precisely the same values while pretending to say something deep about them. But is there really anything profound, or even remotely interesting, about an aging Jim Turner throwing food and mimicking flatulence? About scrappy-looking O-Lan Jones pretending she's a nymphet? About Andrea Stein playing a menopausal schoolteacher who lusts after the body of a prepubescent boy? Perhaps in some movie other than this, characterizations like these would have greater meaning, but in Shelf Life each one comes across as merely a desperate attempt to mine poignancy from oozing offal.

The premise of the film itself wastes people by pandering to

The premise of the film itself is an unbelievable piece of tom-foolery with holes so large God could spit Jupiter's moons through them. While it is true that all narrative art - films, plays, novels, what have you - require a suspension of disbelief to achieve resemblance to reali-

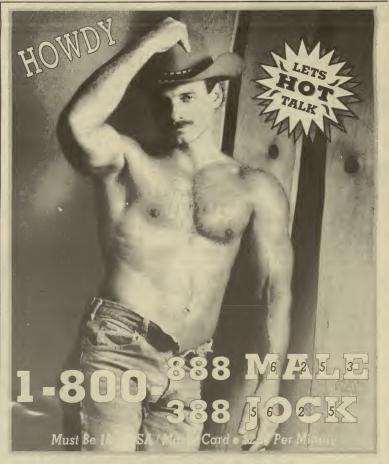
ty, Shelf Life requires nothing ty, Shelf Life requires nothing less than a lobotomy. Laugh you may, but only a severely impaired brain could possibly believe that three people can live indefinitely in such tiny quarters for three decades without killing each other or starving to death. Or that a family could watch television continuously

for three decades without having the means to pay a utilities bill. Or that people who give every indication that their brain pans are shrivelled could suddenly don complex psycholo-gies and begin mouthing world-weary soliloquies beyond their intellectual and verbal means. But in a film like Shelf Life, reality obviously means nothing, which is precisely why most people will find Bartel's film stupid and boring.

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FRIDAY COMMUNITY LEAGUE

THIS LEAGUE IS PERENNIALLY 20 TEAMS AND IS A HUGE SUC-CESS. League starts bowling on September 2. 100% handicap. Three bowlers to a team (trips) – men/women or mixed. Cost is \$11.00 per person per week. League bowls on Fridays at 6:15 p.m.

SUNDAY RENO LEAGUE

THE ORIGINAL AND ONLY GAY RENO LEAGUE IN S.F.! This league culminates in a great, furn three-day weekend in Reno. Cost is approximately \$14.00 per person per week (includes trip, bus transportation, lodging, and cash back coupons). Four bowlers to a team—men/women or mixed. League bowls on Sundays at 6 p.m. starting October 23.

3 Hours Validated Parking at Japantown Center Garage

To Join Any of These Leagues Please Contact: Bob Verseman, Dean Tyrrell or Craig Wieland at Japantown Bowl (415) 921-6200

Entry Form — 1994 Fall Community Leagues League Desired		
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AREA REPORTER

Weathering the Marathon

by Rick Thoman

f given the choice, almost any marathon runner would prefer to run under cool, overcast weather conditions. Running under a beating sun for 26.2 miles can take its toll both

physically and mentally.

The Bay Area Distance Runners recently experienced the good, the bad and the ugly, weatherwise, in competition. The "good" came at the San Francisco Marathon on July 31st, when 17 BADR runners finished a demanding and hilly course in fairly good shape due to the "ideal" weather conditions: fog, overcast skies and cool temperatures.

"It was good to be home again," said Bay Area Distance Runner co-chair Dave Studach, referring to the team's return from the Gay Games in New York. "The familiarity with the San Francisco course combined with the good weather conditions made it easier for us to take on the somewhat challenging course, especially our

first-timers."

BADR marathon "first-timers" Tamara Lutz and Lucia Wade indeed ran well, as did the rest of the squad, according to Studach. The top finisher for the Bay Area Distance Runners was Donna Hinshaw, coming back from a series of injuries to post a time of three hours and 15-minutes. She was followed by BADR's other SF Marathoners Jim Daniel, Susan Zeiff, Terry Baransy, Pat Simon, Char Leavitt, Chuck Louden, Tom Pait, Dennis Hanna, David Allman, Marion Lyons, Todd Casey, Bob Fredericks, Rebecca Rocewicz, and Charlie Caldwell.

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In New York it was a very different story for San Francisco's marathon team when, at Gay Games IV, they faced "the bad and the ugly" in weather conditions: hot temperatures and high humid-

"The weather was not ideal for marathoners used to training in San Francisco," Studach lamented. In fact, he said it provoked a change in their strategy. Instead of racing hard for 26.2 miles, they

change in their strategy. Instead of racing hard for 26.2 miles, they slowed down and exercised more caution.

While the times for BADR's squad were up to 30 minutes slower than normal, the team of 37 runners still made an excellent showing and took home an impressive booty of 5 medals.

Bob Fredericks and Thrond Midbrod nabbed silver medals in their age groups with times of 3:37 and 4:54, respectively. Vikki Friedman (4:22), Bud Veliquette (4:25) and Tom Pait (4:47) each won the bronze medal in their age group. In spite of the weather, every San Francisco runner finished the race (including first timers Tom Baranauskas, Jesus Mora, Kent Griffith, Jeff Pittelkau, Bruce Weitzman, Jeff Merr and Debbi Shargel), and as a team, San Francisco took home more medals than they did at Gay Games III in 1990.

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Other BADR runners who finished in the top ten in their age group at Gay Games IV included Richard Nelson, Paul Newman and Tom Pait who just missed a medal, all finishing in 4th place; Terry Baransy and Robert Latham in fifth; Jane Meyer, seventh; Paul Kelley and Nicholas Koras, eighth; Denise Dooley, ninth and Larry Parks, tenth. The top finishing times for San Francisco were Todd Casey at 3:16:22, Paul Kelley (3:20:14), Richard Nelson (3:22:20) and John Kruse (3:24:43).

The Bay Area Distance Runners are now taking some well-deserved time off but will soon begin preparation for the Cal International Marathon in Sacramento in December, and the Honolulu Marathon later that month. For more information about the club and their training schedule, contact Dave Studach at (415)

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SPORTS GUIDE

Basketball

San Francisco Slammers women's basketball team.

Call Susan at 648-4931. Men's Basketball – call Tony at 621-2710.

Different Spokes Bicycle Club promotes noncompetitive cycling for men and women on both road and mountain bikes. Rides each mountain bikes. Hides each weekend, plus regular "Sunday Socials" each Sunday at 10 a.m., McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park. For schedule or newsletter, please call (415) 282-1647 or write PO Box 14711, San Francisco, CA 94114.

BoatingBarbary Coast Boating Club – gay boat owners and enthusiasts meet the 3rd Wednesday of every month, 7 p.m., Berkeley Yacht Club, Berkeley Marina. West to the end of University Ave., #1 Seawall Drive, (415)

Bodybuilding

Arcadia Bodybuilding Society – call 978-9495 or write ABS, 1230 Market Street, SF, CA 94114.

Women's Business Bowling League. Call Ann at 641-5795.

Tavern Guild Bowling League. Call Mal Garcia at 752-2366.

Japantown Bowl. Mon., Tues., Wed.: Community Leagues at 8:45 p.m. Thurs.: Bartender's League at 1 p.m. Fri: Trio's League, 6 p.m. and Sun: Reno League, 6 p.m. Call Dean Terrell at 921-6200 for infor-

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Photo: Rick Gerharte

Runners prepare for the marathon.

East Bay Gay and Lesbian Bowling League meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Teams/individuals of all skill levels are welcome. Contact Mark at 510-797-6997 for information.

Information.

Golden Gate Classic
League: Meets Thursday
night at 7 p.m. Four-person
team. Classic Bowling Center, 900 King Drive in Daly City. Call Don George, 255-9401, for information.

Bay Area Boxing Club, a fully sanctioned USABF (United States Amateur (United States Amateur Boxing Federation) meets Thursdays at 8 p.m. Open to all interested gay men and lesbians; all skill levels are welcome. Call Greg at 585-2365.

Football

Women's Flag Football: Interested women call Maureen (415) 479-1131.

San Francisco Trojans Football Team will soon be forming a team for the Fall league; all interested persons should call Gary at 344-8873. All skill levels are welcome. This team is not participating in the Gay

The San Francisco Hiking Club is a non-profit organiza-tion founded in 1982 and committed to providing opportunities to explore and enjoy the outdoors for the Gay and Lesbian community and their friends. For information, education and their friends. mation about future hikes, please call Jim at 285-3760.

Gay and Lesbiar Sierrans, official activity sec-Lesbian

tion of the Sierra Club. Call the hotline: 281-5666.
South Bay GLS – call the Loma Prieta GLS hotline at 408-236-2170.
Marin Mens' Hike and Bike

Club. For athletic and adventur-ous gay men. Outings inlcude hikes, bike rides, camping, etc. Contact jim at 388-6505.

Racquet and

Paddle Sports
Gay & Lesbian Tennis
Federation – John McEnhill,
864-0187, extension 4. Informal social doubles every Saturday and Sunday morning at the Flint and 16th Street tennis courts, weather

permitting.
Table Tennis Anyone?
Practice Tuesdays, 7:00-9:30 p.m., at Milberry Union, UCSF, 500 Parnassus, SF, Call Allen Balderson, 626-1787, or Lucie, 387-4476.

Running

San Francisco FrontRunners. Fun runs at Stow Lake Boat House in Golden Gate Park, every Saturday, 9 a.m. No-host brunch follows. Call John at

863-0954. San Francisco Track & Field, practice every Tues. and Thurs., 6 p.m., and Sun., 10:00 a.m., at Kezar Stadium on Waller & Stanyan streets, SF. Call Rick 550-7966.

Bay Area Distance Runners. Call Dave Studach at 626-1380 or Lois Allen at

Scuba Diving

Northern California Rainbow Divers: Lesbian and Gay Scuba Club for the active diver in Northern California. Meets second Tuesday of every month, 7:30 p.m. at the Sierra Club, 730 Polk Street, San Francisco. Call Greg Abrams for more info, (415) 821-2877.

Skiing

Saga North, lesbian and gay ski club. Call for more information (415) 995-2772.

Soccer San Francisco Spikes Men's Soccer. Practice Tuesdays, 5:30-8 p.m., at Beach Chalet in Golden Gate Park. Call Carlo Togni at 821-

Women's Soccer. Call Golden Gate Women's Soccer League Chair Jan Mullen at 753-0946.

S.F. Gay Softball League Conducts a regular season of 14 games for men and women in three divisions from March through June. Please call Wendy at (510)436-7959 for informa-

East Bay Gay and Lesbian Softball players sought for pick-up games and possible entry in Fremont City League. All skill levels are welcome. For information, contact, Patrick at 510-475-6339 or Mark at 510-797-

Swimming
Tsunami Masters Swim Club - call Suzanne at 431-1933. Team San Francisco

Gay Games bound Team San Francisco hopes to take at least 1,000 athletes from the Bay Area to Gay Games IV in New York, June 18-25, 1994. TSF supplies members with the latest information coming out of New York, travel & housing, registration packets for all sports, and a uniform for Opening and Closing Ceremonies, and Closing Ceremonies, and funds to help you get there. Members recieve a quarterly newsletter and monthly calendars. To join TSF, call (415) 824-8118.

Table Tennis Association

Practice every Monday,

from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at Eureka Valley Community Center, 100 Colingwood Street. "We're gearing up for Gay Games IV." For more infor-mation, call D Minor at 346-9248 or Jon Myers at 864-2278. Coaching also available on Sunday mornings.

Volleyball

Volleyball practice every Sunday, 8 p.m., at Eureka Valley, 100 Collingwood. Call Tony Travers at 255-1332.

Club Volleyball practice for "B" league players and up every Saturday except first Saturday of each month, 9:30-11:30 a.m., at Eureka Valley, 100 Collingwood. Team and individual advanced players practice Mondays, 7:05 p.m., at Glen Park Gymnasium. Call Mike Bulawit at 731-2056. Bulawit at 731-2056.

Gay Volleyball. Every Sunday, 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at 18th St. & DeHaro. St. & DeHaro. welcome. Jay: Everyone 864-0257.

Windsurfing
Gay Windsurfers – windsurfers of all levels who want to meet and sail with other gays and lesbians. Call Dan at 510-548-9009.

Wrestling

San Francisco Wrestling Club practices Sundays, 3-5 p.m. Call Jim Frazier (510) p.m. Call 538-8490.

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Golden Gate Wrestling Club. Practice Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m., Fridays 7-9 p.m. and Sundays 12:30-3 p.m. at Eureka Valley Rec. Center, 100 Collingwood. All skill levels, men and women welcome. For information, call 926-6605 Pay Arcs Woostling. 826-6695. Bay Area Wrestling Newsline at 227-5802.

The Northern California Wrestling Club. All ages, sizes and levels of experience are welcome. No club fees, or dues. Playful, non-competitive fun. For more information, send a SASE to: Wrestling, 584 Castro St., #504, S.F., CA. 94114.

Martial Arts

Homosexuals in Martial Arts. Promotes visibility and provides outreach and support for gay and lesbian martial artists. All styles welcome. Send SASE to: HIMA, P.O. Box 590601 S.F.,CA. 94159.









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PARTING **GLANCES**

St. Vincent de Paul - Saturday morning, 7/16. You bought a vase, & I a record. We talked briefly, but I wasn't sure: were you available, interested? EXT 3340.

Brian B., Call Me - The crazy punkie who went through the hell of Miami U. (Ohio) with you in Havighurst wants you to call. EXT 3380.

Tim From SF - We met in S.D., 7/15 on the harbor cruise. Remember me from Seattle? Had a great time w/you, too bad it was too short. Missed you at the Parade and Festival at Balboa Park, "hot bods, hot rods" party, 7/16. I'd love to hear from you, Please call. I'll have a good reason to visit S.F. Cade. EXT 3381.

Joshua, Where Are You? Thank you for B-Day message,
was very sweet. Introduce sev. Please leave
number this time. Situation has
changed. Hope to hear from you.
R. EXT 3382.

Drum & Buggle Corp. - We met in Santa Clara, you purchased a ticket from me. Tallked about yellow submannes & old marching days in Spirit & Skyriders. Would you like to get together to watch videos? Section J, row 8, seat 28; please call seat 27, Carl. EXT 3414.

Santa Rosa - 8/1, 1pm, at Wyatt Irrig. You: young, t-shirt, on stool. Exchanged glances. This top would like to meet you. EXT

Lounging Around - Sun 7/31, @ 5pm at Westin SF. You: dark hair w/ male friend(?) having drinks/tea. Me: blonde w female companion. Limited eye contact. Would like to connect. EXT 3441.

Dennis! Dennis! - Back from Grand Canyon & hoping you'll call. James. EXT 3442.

SEEKING RELATIONSHIPS

W-W

Write your headline here: Write the rest of the ad here:_

A Woman of God/Goddess - She'd be around 38//o, soft brown hair, heart shaped lips, a soft butch at heart, honest, wild, full of fun, & teasing, real, strong, weak, & warm, knows where to eat in the Castro, & windsurf in the East Bay, Gay Church on Sundays, & between my sheets at night. Enjoys safe sex, & all the wild, juicy, latex & astro glide. EXT 3354.

45-55 Fem. Professional - I'm attractive slender, feminine, gentle, loving, physically & emotionally fit, w/a positive outlook. Seeking same. No smoke, drugs, alcohol.

SEEKING RELATIONSHIPS

M-M

I'm Seeking Leather Experience
- A second coming out? GWM, 6'
179#, senior, w/ considerable relationship experience & excellent
health. Let's explore our chemistry
& go from there. EXT 3341.

Long Distance Hello From New Mexico - Loving & respectful GWMC 32/34, both HIV- looking to meet homebody Asian/Oriental GM, any age, who would be happy in a monogamous Triad relationship. EXT 3342.

Top Asian Needs Romance -Handsome, 28, 5'10", 150#, very smooth, tanned body, is looking for GWM 25-35 only, mature minded, romantic, & who loves sex. Hung & hairy a plus. EXT 3343.

Looking for Alex Baldwin's Chest - If you have it, are avg. ht., & consider yourself a nice guy w/ conservative values & a Karmic philosophy, 1'd like to meet you/ I'm GWM neophyte, professional, 6', 150#, br/br, Sagittarian sense of humor, strong moral values, & lots of love to share. No Cancers, Libras, or other obsessive needy eccentrics need apply. EXT 3345.

It's Time - GWM 31, 5'10", 180#, br/gm, hairy, HIV-, versatile, shy, & handsome. Live in Contra Costa, work (too much) in SF. Seeking 25-37, to enjoy outdoor activities w/. Camping, tennis, cooking, blading & beaches are favorites. Goal: have fun, get healthy & spend qualify time getting to know a man who does not always

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require perfection. Arrogant or superficials need not respond. EXT 3346.

Sterling Commodity - GWM 34, 6°, 155#, bl/bl, HIV-, gym body, well endowed, moderately hairy, handsome, educated, \$ secure, well bred WASP, UCB grad student, sane spiritual, rock n' roll sensibility, not into bar scene. Seek same 29-39, 6°17+ pref. for dating, friendship, NIVD, lite dink/smoke ok. You know who you are... Let's talk. EXT 3344.

Positively HIV+ - HIV+ GWM tired of games, but looking for a playmate/soulmate w/ childlike spirit, adventurous, innocence, sincere, honest, who isn't afraid to expenience feelings, take chances & reach out without negativity. I'm 32, 5'10", 165#, br/br, clean shaven, athletic, versatile bottom, relationship oriented. EXT 3347.

Arab Seeks Blonde or Asian - Me: romantic, affectionate, good-looking, sexy, 38, 510°, 175#, gym-toned, theatre lover, volunteer & humorous. You: attractive, emotionally healthy, smooth, monogamous, passionate, & humorous monogamous, passi humorous. EXT 3348.

HIV+ Daddy Wanted - Looking for HIV+ top 35 or older who's a real headboard banger w/ dark hair, br eyes, moustache and single, no substitutes please. I'm 6', 190#, b/b/l, handsome, smoke, looking for Mr. thick, dark, & available. Capricorns, Virgos, & Scorpios most welcome. EXT 3349.

Older GWM - Generous & friendly, seeking G/WM or GHM for occasional meetings. Must be affectionate & caring. EXT 3350.

HIV+ GWM Seeks GAM - Italian GWM HIV+, 6'1", 2'10#, healthy, handsome. Seeking GAM for LTR. I'm 57, very loving & seeking one person only. UB GAM, HIV+ a plus, clean, N/S, N/D, & seeking love only. EXT 3351.

Well Hung Black Man Wanted -I want a Black man, 18-40, well hung, clean, diverse. I'm a Black man in my mid 30s, very discreet, & very masculine. I want the & very masculine. same. EXT 3352.

Fun, Natural Fun - Attractive young GWM 33, HIV-, 5'10", 170#, brr/hzl, seeking masculine type over 6', w/ moustache/beard, hairy chest for casual

Personals

relationship/friendship, dates, drives in your car, entertainment, & sex. Poss. LTR. No daddies. Smoke cigars & pot, non alcohol, gym & sports. You be whoever you already are. EXT 3353.

Attractive African-American
Male - I'm employed, enjoy travel, the country. Seek Latin Male
for friendship and to explore a relationship. EXT 3378.

GBM Looking for Partner -Must have long full hippy beard & thin. I'm 38, 6'1", 165#, HIV-, into music, massage, occult, woods, mountains, herbs, wildflowers, N/D, N/S, N/A. EXT 3383.

Hot In-Shape GWM - 31, educated professional, 5'9", 140#, br/gm, seeks hot muscular man any race. I'm fun, safe, HIV-, you be too please. EXT 3384.

Taste for Passion - GWM, 24, attractive & in-shape seeks an intelligent, affectionate & fit guy for friendship & possibly more. I give a great massage. EXT 3385.

Tall Hot Black - 6'4", smooth, searching for that extra ordinary WM who's physically fit & attractive & not so busy that he can't devote time in a 1 on 1 partnership. Only relationship oriented people need respond. EXT 3387.

Bottom Line - I want us to be content, secure & loved as we lay in bed talking & loving. Your head on my chest or visa-versa. I'm 6'1" s/p hair, 36, HIV-. EXT 3388.

HIV-, 53, Seeking Relationship Attractive gay man seeks companionship with young man, 22-28. I'm511*, 185#. Please call to talk. If mutually interested we can meet for coffee & have some fun. I'm a kid at heart & love playful people. EXT 3390.

Tall GW Frisky Lil'Bounce Bunny - Seek tall Tom Selleck-like compassionate, loving, roman-tic guy for cudding, romping, and more. Must have sense of humor, & like people, pets, & pasta, & must like follically challenged, but charming men. Possible LTR. EXT 3391.

Santa Rosa - Part-time lover wanted by young/mature GWM to share ecstacy. EXT 3389.

The Hottest Guy in Town - Even the Hottest guy in town is not worth you risking your health for. Play

Safe! Protect yourself & those you Play with. EXT SAFE.

Russian River Bottomish Bear -Hussian Hiver Bottomish Bear -46, heavyset, hairy, shy, affection-ate, into sci-fi, fantasy, music from classical to industrial. Seek top-pish, 18-30, smooth man for friendship & pleasure. EXT 3392.

Honest Caring Nice Guy - 29, GWM, good looks, versatile, but mostly bottom. Just trying to meet others not into the bar scene. Want to share my heart & hugs with 30s masculine guy who I can feel safe with. EXT 3393.

bi/bi, looking to serve a daddy i will keep me in the straight. I dancing, reading, walks. E 3394. Seeking Daddy - GWM, 21, 5'8".

Muscular, Handsome GWM Muscular, Handsolffe Kwm - 5, 185#, gorgeous body, seeks hand-some, well built top to develop poss. LTR. I have lots of interests, especially outdoors. HIV-, can be versatile for the right man. Be 35-55. Call me, let's talk. EXT 3415.

I Have a Bear Magazine Look - GWM, 39, hairy, husky, balding, moustache. I'm 5'9", 195#, whomen hair. I'm looking for a guy 20-30 w/ attractive boyish looks for a poss. LTR. I enjoy bicycling, nature, sci-fi, films & safe everatile sex. I'm HIV, w/ a good sense of humor. EVI 2446 sex. I'm HIV-, w/ a good sense of humor. EXT 3416.

GWM Looking for Love w/ GBM
- This 51y/o GWM wants to love younger GBM 19-20. I'm warm clean, healthy, let me kiss, hold & love you. EXT 3417.

GAM Seeking GWM - SF GAM, 5'11", 160#; seeking intelligent, thoughtful, humorous, romantic, mature, non-smoking, HIV-, no facial hair, height & weight proportionate GWM. EXT 3418.

Discriminating Gentleman -WM late 20s, 6'1", 180#, bl/gr, low profile/high quality, handsome, rugged, self-assured, excellent rugged, self-assured, excellent body, seeks interesting chemistry w/ successful, focused, handsome, lean, muscular gentleman w/low profile as well. EXT 3419.

Thinning/Balding Men Professional HIV+ GWM, 39, 6'2", Professional HIV+ GWM, 39, 6'2', 180#, br/gm, clean shaven, seeks professional GWM 35-50 for LTR. I enjoy all kinds of music, movies, opera, museums, week-ends in/out of town, dinning out, or just at home. Prefer man w/ thinning hair, hairy chest/legs, & moustache. Please leave a message so we can meet. EXT 3420.

HIV+ Seeks HIV+ - Very hand-some, healthy, HIV+ young 30s, 6'2', 170#, br/bl, tone, looking for someone HIV+, tall, dark mascu-line features, & very handsome. You're in your 20s or 30s. EXT 3443.

Southern Draw(i) - GWM, good body & looks, active professional, late 30s seeks GM for long walks, good talks, workouts & intimacy. You are professional, 20s-30s, active gym-goer, attractive, good-humored & honest. Dark hair, dark features, a turn-on; Latin, Medit, & Italians a plus. EXT 3444.

Where Are You? - Attractive GWM 25, blonde, 5'8". Looking for Mr. Right. We are both physically fit, romantic, & HIV-. You: top, Me: bottom. Masculine & under 35. Take a chance & respond. EXT 3445.

Just a Regular Guy - 6', 195#, blonde, attractive, young 40y/o, healthy, HIV+ GWM enjoys homelife, gardening, photography, film, music, cooking, travel, & romance. Seek man of color who is sensitive proud, sensual, sexual, romantic, & who understands committed layout on the committed layout on & who understands committed love w/ good balance. EXT 3446.

attractive Top - Dominant yet affectionate, seeks in-shape, goodlooking submissive bottom under 5107, under 40, hairy alput, must be into bondage, TI, & leather sex. Novices OK. Relationship possible. HIV+ EXT 3447. Attractive Top -Dominant yet

Looking for a Black Man Interested in dating a GWM who is 5'10", 190#, late forties, HIV+, Italian. Interests: movies, music, dining out, travet. Sexually: I'm mainly a bottom, anything from vanilla to nasty. EXT 3448.

Life's Better Together - I'm achieving goals, but emptiness within for special friend/ally, Masculine GWM, 5'8' 1an, tim, bearded, HIV-, N/A, N/D. Has an intimate, quality like love to share. I like home life, love bare feet. East Bay preferred. EXT 3450.

Goodlooking GĀM Seeks GWM
- I'm 28, 5'10', masculine, in good shape, honest, romantic, well-edu-cated. Seek GWM under 35, HIV-fit, patient, affectionate & easygo-ing for dating & poss. LTR. EXT 3452.

Seeking Dark Latino Lover Only
- Me: 61*, 242#, Italian, bearded,
hairy, stocky bearish build. You:
35-42, bearded, 510*, hint
monogamous LTR, N/S, N/D,
mature, romantic, affectionate, not
afraid of itimacy or commitment to
one man. Serious only. EXT one n 3453.

Hispanics, Greeks, Italians - If Hispanics, Greeks, Italians - If you are uncut & very well endowed this GWM 39, drk blonde, good-looking hairy bottom wants to hear from you. You won't be disappointed. Non smokers only, please. EXT 3454.

A Gentleman & a Pervert Goodlooking, masculine, healthy HIV+, versatile GWM, 44, 5107, 170#, good build, 42c, 31v, muscular legs, drk hair, balding, greying temples, trim stache & beard, hairy. Seeks LTR w/ hot man who's as comitorable SOMA as Pac. Hghts. Must be in-shape, similar build or better, BBs aremployed, & physically & emotionemployed, & physically & emotionally available. EXT 3455.

Smooth Muscular Asian — Monogamous GAM, 40s, 5'7", 150#, 40c, 30w, 14a, HIV-, good body, average facial looks. Into film, TV, pop culture, weights/aerobics, 501s, mutual bodyworship, tiplay, i/o. NS, ND, NGr. If you're a monogamous GM, 35-45, HIV-W similar physique/interests, call. EXT 3456.

Yin Seeks Yang - Does the sexual tensions created by oposites excite you? When I look into your eyes I see a bad boy, cowboy, warrior, Pan. What do you see when you look into mine? I'm early 30s, HIV-, sexy muscular body. Teach me the way you like it. EXT 3457.

SEEKING ADVENTURE

SF/Peninsula - GWM 29, br/br, 5'9", 150#, handsome, well-built, cleancut, professional, w/ hairy chest, excellent body & butt. Seeks sexual encounters w/ handsome, clean, well-built, educated gentlemen 25-36, who are on the dominant side. Discretion assured. Please, NS, HIV-, or out of shape. EXT 3355.

Sex Buddy Sought - GLM 26, 5'8", 140#, looking for older GAM. I'm sensual & erotic, schoolboy type. EXT 3356.

Sonoma County Tops - Wanted by 28y/o BiWM, 5'9", 150#, br/grn, looking for masculine, muscular,

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horny tops under 30 only. Come on over, kick back, or pump me hard. Straight, curious, OK. EXT 3357.

Black/White JO - Muscular, balding, Italian man w/ beard, 5'10", 170#. w/ thick hard dick seeks tall, built, handsome Black man for hot mutual JO & masculine kissing. Hard sensuous heat between men. EXT 3358.

Hard Pounding Passion -Needed by well hung, HIV+, versa-tile bl/bl, 5'11", 165#, 30, clean shaven, smooth body. You: 28-38, HIV+, well hung GWM liking oral service & mutual hard fucking. Foreskin, horseshoe moustach under 5'11" a plus. EXT 3359.

Discretion & Pleasure Assured 62°, 2004, marble smooth bl/bl Adonis seeks ruggedly handsome hunky Spartacus top gun w/ Olympic proportioned laurels for gladiator training. Financial genius a plus, Indulge yourself. EXT 3360.

Asian & Latin Tops Wanted -Heavyset WM, 6'3", 275#, bottom looking for Asians or Latin tops. Let's have a good time. Bnng some friends along if you like. EXT 3361.

Free Quality Massage - for hot young studs. I'll make your hard body melt & get hard again. Genuine, sensual, masculine attention. Table. 6'2", 175#, 40, goodlooking, masculine. EXT 3364.

Hung Guys Wanted - I'm interested in getting together w/ guys who are hung 9" or more for fun or good times. The bigger the better.

Very Hot GWM 29 - Is looking for hung tops w/ 8*+. I'm very masculine, very handsome & friendly guy / great body, mouth & butt, HIV-bottom. You be GWM, attrc., inshape, over 510*, lean, hairy, blonde, brunette, or rethead, w/ moustache or beard, non-smoker, warm & interested in meeting a nice & hot looking guy for casual wild safe sexplay, maybe more. Leave description & I'll phone you back. EXT 3379.

White Male Wanted by Black Male - I want a Caucasian male, 22-42, well hung, over 9'. I'm a Black male in my 30s, very dis-creet and very masculine. Lean and masculine only. I'd like to become friends. EXT 3366.

European Wanted by 30y/o Mexican - 1st time in Bartalk. I'm masculine, 5'6", 140#, excellent shape, moustache, HIV+, healthy, ready to have fun. You're 30-45, good shape, masculine, tall & hairy preferred. EXT 3367.

Get Undressed - GWM 40, HIV+, handsome, 6'1", 170#. Into 3 ways, sleaze, toys, porn, pictures, clean naked butt, enemas, day-time best, safe. EXT 3369.

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Crazy - Do ya like dirty talk, but
are tired of phone sex? Like J/O,
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top/bottom guys? Do ya like getting fucked up but meet clean living types? Then let's party (share
cost) my place (Oakland), 1011pm. No shaved cocks, not into
videos. EXT 3370.

The Hottest Guy In Town - Even the Hottest guy in town is not worth you risking your health for. Play Safel Protect yourself & those you Play with. EXT SAFE.

Redwood City Bottom Needs Huge Tool - Have lover, but look-ing for other sex partners to join just me or both of us. I'm GWM 6'3", 190#, 30s, trim, 6" cut thick,

attr., HIV+, smoker, hungry hole/mouth, versatile, long sessions required. My lover, attr. HIV+, serious master, and I do mean serious, looking for total stave, 6', 190st, 45. You: under 55, hung 8"+, trim to med. build. attr., expert assfucker, imaginative, N/D. EXT 3368.

Deeper & Deeper - Tighest hole in town needs some action from expert tops. Got an itch that needs to be scratched. Let's do the wild thing. EXT 3396.

Beyond a Relationship -Beyond a Relationship - GWM 42, committed to current relation-ship seeks men of maturity and spirituality for intimacies. Life is a banquet and many may share the table. EXT 3386.

Fuckmaster Top - Seeks anal/oral bottom men. Me: GVMM, 36y/o, 6'2", 185#, dark features, muscular hairy body, dominant & intense. You: goodlooking, short, solid, insatiable man of any race & HIV status. Deep throat & ass a must. Safe. EXT 3397.

Young White Bottoms Wanted -50y/o GWM seeks hot young white smooth bottoms under 40 who want to get lucked by expert top w/ 9" cut cock. 6', 155#, br/br, glass-es. Lean & masculine please. EXT 3398.

Do It Boy - Dominant aggressive GWM Bottom, 40s, 6'3", 192#, HIV+. Demands & gets obedient hard service from in-shape hung top, 25-40. Blondes a plus. N/D, N/S, no Marky Mark clones. EXT 3399

Asian/Filipino - Sought by vintage Italian male for friendship, sexual encounters, whatever. Be sincere & willing to love & be loved. San Jose/Bay Area. EXT

Latin/Dark-Haired Men Wanted - By goodlooking 38y/o uncut GWM for one-on-one or mutual cock-sucking. Will give or receive regu-lar oral service. Call & tell me what you want. Let's swallow each other's loads. In-shape guys 21-40 only. Big uncut a plus, but not necessary. Let's do it. EXT 3401.

BIBM Seeks Older GWM - Mid 40s stocky BM wants to meet GWM 50+ who likes to be bottom & wear panties, hot tits & no beard a must, call me. EXT 3402.

Attention Hot Bottoms - GWM, 61, 160#, hung, seeking hot bottoms 30-45 craving anal sex. This 39 y/o will make you happy. Let's fuck. HIV+ OK. EXT 3403.

Blacks or Latinos - Who want head. Masculine GWM, 48, wants to service you. Open to other things. EXT 3404.

Love Thin Aslans - Handsome, in-shape, professional GWM loves very thin Asians. I'm 52 (look much younger), Jewish, 5'9", 175#. Don't smoke, drink, HIV-workout regulary. I'm looking fun or poss. LTR w/ a very thin Asian guy any age. EXT 3406.

Bi, Straight or Butch Hunks - Who are hot bottoms in bed. This late 30s, handsome, hung, 6', 160#, GWM would like to mount you. If you like to be mounted you will not be disappointed. HIV+ OK, privacy & discretion assured. EXT 3460.

GLM Seeks GLM/GWM 4 Fun GLM Seeks GLMCWM 4-VI Times - There has got to be at least one GLM or GWM in SF who is 5'5" or shorter, wi/ht proportion-ate, HIV-, N/D, who likes to get it on and is between 30 and 38, besides myself, that is. "Ill bewait-ing for your call. EXT 3463:

Black on Black Passion - GBM 30, 5'9", 170#. Athletic build, hung

8", vers. bottom. Seeks other brothers for hot, safe sweaty evenings in front of a fire. You: in-shape, both mentally & physically, 20-35. Hung a plus. No games. EXT 3465.

Latino Topman Wanted - 34y/o BM seeking to meet Latino top-

early weekday mornings (in east bay), have a direct answer phone & no emotional commitments. One nighters or repeat visits. Safe only. EXT 3471.

BJ Campbell Area - By attractive Asian man. Looking for WM 18-35, gay or bi, clean cut, & attrac-

spanking will stimulate nerve end-ings you never knew you had. Then on your knees for a long safe ride. Me: attractive GWM, 44, 65°, 280#, fotoball player's build. You: attractive GWM, 18-35, slim, smooth, w/ hungry butt. EXT 3377.

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GYM body, smooth. Seeks cute slim guys 18-30 w/ smooth body for safe fun. EXT 3425.

Older Men Wanted - Clean cut, cute, late 20s guy really wants older masculine men for hot & somewhat sleazy sex. I'm very oral, love sucking cock & aating butt. Turn ons: men over 50, extra hung wh hairy balls, super bushy crotches, big loads, vacuum pumpers. EXT 3462.

Stud Butthole Licker In Monte Rio - Muscular, raunchy, nver jock w/ nm seat, looking for stud men who like to have their assholes worshipped by a hot obedient tongue. EXT 3461.

Mature Latino GM Bottom Looking for GBM or GVM who likes to plow nice hairy tight ass. I'm 5'6', 145#, possible weekend relationship. All calls answered. EXT 3474.

Footman - If you have nice sexy looking smooth feet & want to see a hairy, passionate man (HIV-) down licking, groveling, & crawling to your feet & boots/shoes, on regular basis, I'm your man. Live in East Bay & like bi men seeking regular cock & foot slaves. All answered. EXT 3475.

Little Faggot Boy - 18-24, bend over for this dominant Leo man. You: total submission. Me: total dominance. I'm 39, well preserved, HIV-, smooth hard body, & require complete servitude. Let's role play. EXT 3464.

Check These Out - Soft, juicy, oversized tits need TLC. GWM 44, 6'1", 220#. Black or Latio preferred. Very nice guy. EXT 3476.

Handsome & Athletic WM -Healthy, HIV-, 28y/o w/ great cock, smooth body, soft firm butt, & manly feet. Seek tongue & piss baths by handsome, fit, healthy WM 30-45 animal. EXT 3477.

Nipple Fetish - Hot, muscular, 36, w/ hot wet mouth seeks a hot muscular guy w/ gigantic nipples to service on a regular basis. Serious only. No B.S. EXT 3478.

Feet First - Goodlooking, sensu-al GWM, 5'8", tan, trim, bearded, HIV-, loves mutual barefoot licking, smelling, caressing, clean moist feet. Like fantasy, role playing, safe i/o. I'm moderately hairy, build. East Bay preferred. EXT 3479.

Mr. Muscles! - Tired of just fantasies. Would like the real BB muscle worship experience. WM, 32, 6', 140#, seeks bulging biceps & prodigious pecs. Bigger the build, the better. EXT 3480.

Big Hairy Bear Lovers - Into jack off and foreskin manipulation. Husky GWM 45, HIV-, seeks younger smaller GWM or GLM, HIV- for mutual exploration.

Toys, FF, Fun - Goodlooking African American man 35y/o. Into mutual safe FF or Toys, butt play. One on one or couples. Let's play. EXT 3481.

OTHER

French Citizenship - French man age 34, responsible, student in radiology, 1 1/2 years in San Francisco. Seek American woman to share American/French citizen-ship, allowing you to live & work anywhere you want in Europe. No financial payments. Serious replies only please. EXT 3483.

Selling a Motorcycle? - GWM is looking to buy a used motorcycle 750cc and up. Can't pay more than \$2,500. EXT 3485.

Ads of the Week! Bar Talk

45-55 Fem. Professional - I'm share. attractive slender, feminine, gen-tle, loving, physically & emotionally e feet. fit, w/a positive outlook. Seeking same. No smoke, drugs, alcohol. EXT 3459. G GWM in good well-edur 35, HIV-

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man. Are you friendly & know how to take control? Don't be shy. Let's talk. Must be complete top. Age not important. EXT 3466.

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Hot Country Boy 27 - Long haired, slender, willing total bottom seeks hung (9"+ only) total top power fucker sex buddy for occassional visits. EXT 3467.

37y/o Bottom Boy - Looking for top man for mutual encounters. I'm 5'9", 160#, 32w, go to the gym a lot. Want to date & have a good time. Very adaptable & hope to meet same. EXT 3449.

Bear Cub - GWM, 25, 5'6", 220#, seeking GW or GH males between 25-40. Hairy, moustaches a+. All calls returned. Beefy OK. Versatile. EXT 3451.

Brains & Brawn - A dynamic, handsome Dad, 48, 172#, 5'11". A true renaissance man. Likes swimming, horses, & masculine loveable men. EXT 3468.

Sonoma County - Xtra hand-some, healthy WM, 30s, br/gr, 6', 175#, masc., financially inch homeowner seeks other goodlook-ing, in-shape, masc. men 18-40 who enjoy kicking back for oral service or pumping me w/ no recip. One time or regular basis ok. Lt party, smoke, drink ok. Lean only, honest. Serious callers will not be disappointed. EXT 3469.

Top this Italian - Attractive 28y/o, 5'10", 160#, toned, smooth-body, masculine, hung, nice round firm butt, looking for goodlooking, masculine top for safe plowing. EXT 3470.

Older Hung Black Top - Needs tall, masculine, mature bottoms. Please be free to travel, available

tive in Campbell area, that would like a really good BJ on a daily or weekend basis. Just try it. Call me. EXT 3472.

Three Ways - w/very handsome, not boyish, affectionate, 30s versatile or oral tops sought by very handsome, moustached 30s N/S buddies. One top, Italian looking, thick dark hair, defined very muscular body, big beautiful dick. Other is a bottom w/thinning light hair, hairy chest, compact body, perfect butt, big dick. EXT 3473.

FETISHES

Sweater Boy - WM 33, 137#, curly black hair, likes to suck your raspberry dick while U smoke, drink, & talk dirty to me. Piss on me too. Let's party. U B under 49 with hair. EXT 3371.

Hose Me Down - Well built, hunky blonde, 40s, wants your recycled beer. I'm macho, inshape, HIV-, you be too. Uncut a plus. Prefer Oakland, Berkeley area. EXT 3372.

Guzzler - Can you piss w/ a hard-on? Deepthroat likes frequent squirts, long cliffhanger sessions, UC a+++, any race, age, size. WM, lanky, 58y/o, 5'11", 165#, beard, tatts, masc. Recycle a 12 pack. EXT 3374.

Pec Service - Wanted, men w/bulging, hard pecs. Pump up those chest muscles & let me milk them dry. Let's get together and eat man chest. EXT 3375.

Movers, Shakers & Garbage Men - Tall, husky, under 48 & hungry for fat dick to suck on? Call this Black stocky bear in Manin, 38y/o, 510°, 7". I'll massage your big bod then give you the feed you need. HIV- only. EXT 3407.

Black Men w/ Decent Cocks -You: under 55, HIV-, kind, roman-tic, stable, oral, patient, loving, love to get sucked. Me: 41, HIV-, 6'2", 190#, bl/br, average looks, bld. EXT 3421.

Daddy Looking for Younger Son
- This 51y/o daddy wants a son
who loves getting a lot of sexual
attention from his daddy. Son
must be ages 18-19, Black or
White. EXT 3422.

Palo Alto GAM, Filipino, 34 -5'11", 210#, likes sucking cocks of guys under 40. SFO to SJO. So lay back & let my mouth deep throat your manhood. Let me swallow your load. EXT 3423.

Free, Free, Free - For dinner. Me: 25y/o GBM, new to the Bay Area. Intelligent, realistic, hand-some, masculine, & sexy. I'm in need of a little TLC... You: 20-27, any race, atrractive & in-shape. love a college boy. EXT 3424.

The Hottest Guy In Town - Even the Hottest guy in town is not worth you risking your health for. Play Safe! Protect yourself & those you play with. EXT SAFE.

Take Me Over - Cute Guy 28, Inexperienced, looking for Bi/GM to use my body. Want to fulfill a fantasy of forced sex. You around 30, good looks, aggressive to take me on. EXT 3405.

GBM Seeking GWMs - I'm 25, 5'9", 160#, goodlooking cleancut,

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About Face

Love Like This Theater's production about HIV in the Asian and Pacific Islander gay community returns tonight. Thru 8/20. \$8-15. 8m. New Conservatory Theater, 25 Van Ness Ave. 861–4914.

All You Can Eat
Three SF comediennes in sketch comedy and standup: Mimis-Freed, Liz White and Mary-Lynn Rajskub. \$7.99. 10:30pm. Fri. & Sat. thru 8/20. Bindlestaff Theatre, 185 6th St. 974-1167. 974-1167.

Built

Butch dyke performances, from boy-identified women to FTM. Fri. & Sat. thru 8/20. \$10. 8pm. Luna Sea, 2940 16th St. 863-2989.

Charles
Busch
After a ten year
absence, New York
performer Charles
Busch returns to SF, premiering a new cabaret
show. \$12. Wed.-Sun. thru
8/21. 8 & 10pm tonight.
Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th
St. 861-7933.

Dance Envisions The Cure

The Cure
Choreographers Carlos
Carvajal, Philip Jones,
Lawrence Pech and
Mehmet Memo Sander present a concert celebration
of humanity. Tonight & Sat.
\$20-40 (benefit for SF
Center for Living). Spm.
Cowell Theatre, Ft. Mason
Center. 392-4400.

82-yr-old Argentine jazz leg-end plays Eichelbergers Friday nights thru Aug. 10:30pm. 2742 17th St. 863-4177.

Out For Laughs Live

Gay comedy taped in front of a live audience, with Marilyn Pittman, Doug Holsclaw, Pussy Tourette & others. \$15. 9pm. Fashion Design Center, Townsend & 8th St. 366-3805.

The Second

Sphere
Robert Henry
Johnson Dance
Company concerts,
tonight thru Sun. \$15. 8pm.
New Performance Gallery,
3153 17th St. 863-9384.

about sex clubs, phone sex and theatre critics. Thurs.-Sun. thru 8/28. \$12. 8:30pm. Theatre Rhino Studio, 2926 16th St. 861-5079.

Speed the Plow

David Mamet's look at the film industry. Thurs.-Sun. thru 9/3. \$16. 8pm. Phoenix Theatre, 301 8th St. 621-4423.

and Smoke

The Actors Theatre's 45th Anniversary production of Tennessee Williams' tragic drama opens. Thurs.-Sun. thru 9/17. \$14-16. 8pm. Actors Theatre, 533 Sutter St. 296-9179.

Testosterone Meets Estrogen

Absolute Theatre presents 3 one-act plays. Thurs.-Sat. thru 8/27. \$8. 8pm. Bernice St. Playhouse, 21 Bernice St. **626-6789**.

The Unmasked Me

Art about self-revelation and self-esteem, curated by Lorien Eck. Sun 1-5, or by appt., thru 8/21. 848 Community Space, 848 Divisadero St. 206-9700.

VeinsHIV+ female, her boyfriend

Durant Ave., Berkeley 643-5041.

Bamboo Women

Pearl Ubungen Dancers and Musicians perform a dance/theater work inspired by the testimony of Filipina "comfort women" held cap-tive by the Japanese in WWII. Sat. & Sun. \$12.50. 8pm. Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St. **621-7797**.

Gay Comedy Night

Mark Davis, Karen Ripley, Suzy Berger. \$10. 10pm. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St. **861-7933**.

Immune Systems

Artworks by participants in Positive Art, artist living with HIV. Nexus Gallery, 2701 8th St., Berkeley. By appointment only: (510) 486-8118.

Late Nite with Joan Jett Blakk

Drag queen/Presidential candidate Blakk returns with her celebrity talk show, every Sat. thru Aug. Midnight. \$8. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St. 861-7933.

Paintings by Kitty

Drag performer shows por-traits. 5pm-2am thru 9/9. Eichelbergers, 2742 17th St. **863-4177**.

SF Hiking Club

8 mile hike in the hills above Pacifica. Bring lunch, \$3 per car. Meet 9:30am at Safeway sign, Market at Dolores. **255-1420**.



Bowl-A-Thon

Benefit for Diablo Valley AIDS Center, Contra Costa Co.'s only food back for HIVers. 2pm, Diablo Lanes, 1500 Monument Blvd., Concord. (510) 746-4444.

Mocha Mixer

Coffeehouse social for gay/bi Asian/Pacific Islander men and friends. 3pm. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St. 575-3939.

SEE FRI

Old First Concerts

Pianist Jacqueline Chew and baritone Chad Runyon

perform works by Ives. \$9 5pm. Old First Church 1751 Sacramento St. 474-1608.

the Truth TV

Gay & lesbian Christian programming from Cathedral of
Hope MCC, Sundays at
6:30pm. Cable Channel 53.

Comedy Cabaret
Guest artists and open
mike. \$6. 7:30pm. New
Conservatory Theatre, 25
Van Ness Ave. 861-8972.

Gay Comedy
Open Mike
M.C. Maria Falzone.
Aspiring queer comics sign
up by phone. \$5. 8pm.
Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th
St. 861-7933.

Artworks based on the life of Motown singer Mary Wells, at Castro Station, 456-B Castro St. 626-7220.

Monday
Night Marsh
George Birimisa,
Thomas Giuliano,
Amanda Krugliak,
Ken Prestininzi.
\$6. 8:30pm. The
Marsh, 1062
Valencia St.
641-0235.

John LeFlore

To Tell

Cantate
A service of chanting, meditation & prayer. Free. 7pm.
Noe Valley Ministry, 1021
Sanchez St. 282-2317.

Treasure Hunt
Teams solve clues leading to 15 exotic sites around SF, \$35 benefits Larkin St. Youth Center. 12pm. Registration & info: 749-3847.

Keith Haring & Andy Warhol

Exhibition of selected drawings, paintings & screen-prints. 2-5pm. Martin Lawrence Galleries, 865 Market St. **512-8480**.

Noises Off

Revival of the British farce, previews begin tonight. Wed.-Sun. thru 9/10. 7:30pm. \$12. Willows Theatre, 1975 Diamond Blvd., Concord. (510) 798-1300.

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On the Edge of Revolt

San Francisco Lesbians and Gays Before Stonewall, an exhibit chronicling pre-stonewall political activity in SF. Thru 8/31. Eureka Valley/Harvey Milk Memorial Library, 3553 16th St. **554-9445**.

Patsy Cline and the **Memphis G-Spots**

Arturo Galster as the Queen of Country Music, Mondays thru Aug. \$3. 10pm. Cafe du Nord, 2170 Market St. **851-5016**.

The Time

The Time of Your Life
Tour de Force Theatre Comp. presents William Saroyan's Pulitzer-winning play, set in 1930s SF. Sun.& Mon. thru 8/29. \$15. 8pm. SF Press Club, 555 Post St. (510) 533-7011.

Trans

D.C. Spensley shows works on paper and wooden pan-els thru 8/28. Architects & Heroes Gallery, 2239 Heroes Gallery, 2 Fillmore St. **921-8383**

Woodstock

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Woodstock Images 1969:
Three Days of Peace and
Music, over 40 photographs. Shows with the
work of French photographs
or Marc Riboud, Paris in the
Fifties. Mon.-Sat. thru 8/27.
Vision Gallery, 1155 Mission
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New production from renowned French-Canadian theatrical circus Cirque Du Soleil.

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and her gay best friend stumble towards strength. Fri. & Sat.thru 9/3. \$7-10. 8pm Exit Theatre, 156 Eddy St 776-3204. SA

Memorial Grove

Beer/Soda Bust
Benefit at the Lone Star
Saloon. \$6. 3-7pm. 1354
Harrison St. 750-8340.

Aileen Wuornos

"The Selling of a Serial Killer", British documentary on the exploitation of the Wuornos case.
\$5.50. 7:30pm.
Pacific Film

Scenes from

My Love Life
World premiere of a new
play by Ronnie Larsen

Lawrence Pech,

Dance Envisions the Cure

SEE FRI

\$13.50-\$39.50. Tues.-Sun. at various curtain times thru August. 8pm tonight. The Big Top at Mission Bay. 4th & King Sts. 731-4466.

Aday in the life of a hustler (Joe Dallesandro), produced by Warhol, directed by Paul Morrissey. \$5.50. 9pm. Pacific Film Archive, 2625 Durant Ave., Berkeley. 643-5041.

Jacques Brel Is Alive

"And Well And Living In Paris." Ruth Hastings cabaret troupe presents revue of the work of the Belgian songwriter. Tues-Sun. thru 9/10. \$20-30. 8pm. Stage Door Theatre, 420 Mason St. 392-4400.

Klubstitute

Queer cabaret and night-club, \$3. DJ Drew Macaroni & Cheese and Alvin aGoGo. The Stud, 399 9th St. **863-6623**.

Lavender Lounge

The "Official Video" of the SF Lesbian & Gay Freedom Day Parade. Tuesdays thru Aug. 10pm. Cable Channel 47.

A Night of Gay/ Asian Comedy Tom Ammiano and others. Benefits Lawrence Wong's race for SF Community College Board. \$45. 7pm. Josie's Cabart, 3583 16th St. 861-7933.

Stand Up

Weekly stand-up comedy showcase of Bay Area's top women comics, both gan and straight. \$4. Every Tues. 8pm, Cat's Grill and Alley Club, 1190 Folsom St. 972-8047.



Backbeat

Love, jealousy and leather pants: early Beatles drama. Tonight & Thurs. Red Vio Movie House, 1727 Haight St. Call for times:

Bondage A Go Go Leather, rubber and fetish attire encouraged at industri-al mix dance club, 520 4th St.

Furious Fictions

Karen Kevorkian, Brenda Kienan, Freeman Ng and Ron Nyren read at Small Press Traffic. \$3. 8pm. 3599 24th St. **285-8394**.

Gay Skate

A rink full of rollerskating queers: fantasy or night-mare? \$5 includes skates rental. 8-10:30pm. Rolladium Roller Rink, 363 North Amphlett, San Mateo. Info: 96-SKATE.

Jock Sturges

Exhibition by photographer whose work was seized by the FBI in '90. Thru 9/28. Vision North Gallery, 2300 Polk St. 474-4581.

Open Lesbian

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and Gay Reading
Poetry and prose writers
are invited to share their
work. Free. 7:30pm.
Modern Times Bookstore,
888 Valencia St.
282-9246.

Oxymorons

Improvisational humor from interactive comedy troupe. \$5. 9pm. Spike's, 139 8th St. (alley entrance) 626-7668.

Proof
Drama by C.M. Almonte
about same sex domestic
violence. Two gender specific versions rotate on separate evenings with different casts. Wed.-Sun. thru
8/20. \$10-12. 8pm.Theatre
Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St.
861-5079.



Special

The Photographic Order from Pop to Now. \$4. Thru 8/21 at the Ansel Adams Center for Photography, 250 Fourth St. **495-7000**.

Tales of the City

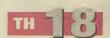
Tales of the City
"Lesbians & Gay Men since
Stonewall." Exhibit in the
2nd fl. Rotunda, SF Public
Library, Civic Center; and in
the Bernice Layne Brown
Gallery in the Doe Library at
U.C. Berkeley. Thru 8/31.
557-4566.

Talley's Folly

Talley's Folly
Lanford Wilson's romance.
\$14-16. Benefit performance tonight for New
Conserv. Theatre HIV
Educational Touring
Division for Youth. Runs
Thurs.-Sat. thru 8/27. 8pm.
New Conservatory Theatre,
25 Van Ness Ave. 25 Van **861-8972**.

Tomb Treasures from China

from China
"The Buried Art of Ancient
Xi'an", exhibition of terracotta warriors that guard the
tomb of China's first emperor. Tues.-Sun. thru 10/30,
10am-5pm. Weds. until
8:45pm. Asian Art Museum,
Golden Gate Park, \$2.50 +
\$5 adm. 668-8921.



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And "Bibliophilia: Books?
By Artists", two shows open
tonight at Morphos Gallery,
5:30-8:30pm. Tues.-Sat.
thru 9/7. 544 Hayes St.
626-1936.

Bingo!

Gay bingo benefits Coming Home Hospice, every Thurs. \$12. 6pm. Most Holy Redeemer Church, 100 Diamond St. 241-0425.

Farewell to Bosnia

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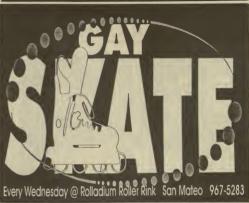
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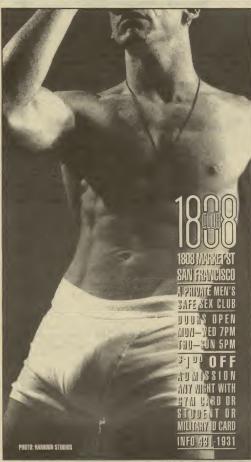
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MR. MARCUS

The Mr. Bear and Dore Alley Fair

ey, we have a new Mr. San Francisco Bear. If you missed the contest at the Lone Star Saloon last Saturday afternoon, Aug. 6, you missed a fun time seeing

you missed a fun time seeing seven great contestants, entertainment by the fabulous Bearrage Trio (they're fabulous!) and a fun, fun afternoon. While judges Bart Bartholomew, Patrick Fitzpatrick, Fran Frisch, Leif of Bear Magazine and Philip Turner asked both outrageous and serious questions, the show rolled on to an exciting conclusions. rolled on to an exciting conclusion for contestants Robert Riley, Bill Byrne, Paul Almy, Jason Rork, Mike Doty, Jason McGuire and Ron Cattini.

When the votes were count-ed: 2nd runner-up Jason Rork; 1st runner up Robert Riley and 28-year old New York native Bill Byrne is the winner. He's

28-year old New York native Bill Byrne is the winner. He's the facilities manager of a local firm and a member of the San Francisco Bears. Bill will compete for International Mr. Bear in February 1995. Thanks for a fun, fun afternoon.

On Sunday, Mother Nature was somewhat stingy with balmy, warm weather for the Dore Alley Block Party. Nevertheless, a huge crowd was on hand most of the afternoon with dancing, entertainment, leather/food/beer booths and mucho cruising. Natives and foreigners alike mixed amiably and the AIDS Emergency Fund's Hug-A-Hunk booth got a lot of the action, although there was more whipped cream licking, water guns and spankings than hugs!

Every major leather title-holder, buns and chest calendar

ings than hugs!
Every major leather title-holder, buns and chest calendar winners and unaware observers got in the act. Mr. and Ms. Folsom Street Fair, Rainbeau and Don Thompson, emcee'd the booth with "Martini" doing a good job too.
King of Leather, Andy Rose.

King of Leather, Andy Rose, got shaved from his chin to his belly button and slaves/boys/ got their licks in on some of the



Mr. San Francisco Bear Bill Byrne (center) with (L) Jason Rork (2nd runner-up), and (R) Bill Riley (1st runner-up), chosen at the Lone Star Saloon last Saturday afternoon, Aug. 6.

"tops" including Mr. Northern California Drummer Leo Lawhorn, Leather Daddy XII Steve Gaynes and all the "butch" ones present. After that, a mob scene in all the bars and the Cycle Runners MC beerbust at the Eagle were huge successes. That Frank Naccaratto is one of the funniest emcee's around. They started a Big Butte (their spelling) contest and seven dudes and one woman entered. I presume they meant Big Butt presume they meant Big Butt

Anyway, audience applause

picked an aging leather queen to win the \$25 cash prize and a set of boxer shorts. Fun afternoon. Tom Naughton of Minneapolis had fun on his first visit to Faghdad-by-the-Bay ... I think. I hope!

Dish Blanket

Dish Blanket
Babble —On
I guess you all noticed that
Larry Odhner didn't get his
Powerhouse Bar (1347 Folsom)
open in time for Dore Alley did
he? Too much Hungarian
goulash Larry? They're working



Photo: Mr. Marcus

Bearrage, the sensational bear singing group wowed the crowd at the Mr. SF Bear contest last Saturday afternoon.

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on it; it's "posted" and now they're shooting for a Folsom St. Fair opening (that would be Sept. 25), so stay tuned.
Photographers Vic Arimondi, Rick Gerharter, the late Steve Sutton, Frank Tarsitano and Tim Wong have completed "shooting" the Bare Chest calendar winners. The front and rear covers by Frank will be in color and everyone looks hunky! The 1995 Bare Chest Calendar is already in production so watch already in production so watch for it! The community anxiously awaits this year's 10th Anniversary edition, sales of which benefit the AIDS Emergency Fund. Buy a dozen or two when it comes out on Sept. 25.

Mr. Mid-Atlantic Leather '93

Sept. 25.
Mr. Mid-Atlantic Leather '93
Frank Nowicki is so unsuccessful finding the "right" man, a committee to "screen" his admirers has printed an "application form" that rivals the form for a Top Secret Security Clearance. After some six members screen the form, the applicant may or may not get the go-

bers screen the form, the applicant may or may not get the goahead. All this for someone who is already "allegedly" married!!

Only two more Mr. Drummer regional contests to go. This weekend, Aug. 12 and 13, John Hare and Ken Heuer are producing the Mr. Southern California Drummer contest at The Faultline (4216 Melross @ Vermont) with a meet and greet on Friday and the competition on Saturday night. I'll be there and bring you the data and photos. If you're in the vicinity, by all means, drop in. The last one is the Mr. New England Drummer contest and it has not yet been confirmed whether porn star Donny Russo will



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Mr. Southern California Drummer '93 Rusty Stickler, passes the sash to his successor on Saturday night, Aug. 13 at The Faultine in Los Angeles.

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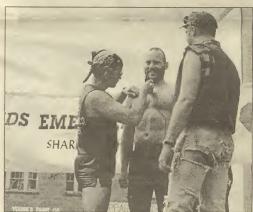
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King of Leather Andy Rose (center) got shaved by Mr. Alameda Co. Leather '93 Randy Wright and Mike Ferguson at the AIDS Emergency Fund Hug-A-Hunk booth at Dore Alley Block Party last Sunday, Aug. 7.



Photo: Mr. Marcus

Mr. Northern California Drummer Leo Lawhorn "squirted" Mr. Jackhammer Robert Rozendal at the AEF Hug-A-Hunk booth last Sunday at the Dore Alley Fair.



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Affairs to Remember

Last year Leather Daddy Philip Turner staged his Leather Elegance party at a private home and raised over \$2000 for the AEF. The second edition (renamed Leather Extravaganza) is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 26, from 2000 to 2300. Advance tix are \$30 (\$50 for benefactors) or \$40 at the door (if available). Viola Wills and Waterproof Souls will entertain, plus a commemorative cloisonne pin and optional 5x7 photos by Tim Wong. Only 200 spaces, so call 621-8550 and reservel

Also, Leatherwalk III by Art Tomaszewski.

and reserve!
Also, Leatherwalk III by Art Tomaszewski is scheduled to kick off Leather Pride Week on Sunday, Sept. 18, with pledges for walking from Headquarters Bar to the SF-Eagle. Get your pledges rolling and get a sign-up sheet by calling (415) 334-4103 for more details. It does benefit the AEF, too, you know. More details on both events coming.

Weekend, Aug. 12-13

Mr. Southern California Drummer at The Faultline both nights. Come see Rusty Stickler pass the sash.
Leather Weekend at the Russian River, with scads of dancing, bike run, leather mart, RushRiv Leather Daddy, Boy and Ms. contests at

tests, etc.
Planning to touch down in Adelaide,
Australia? The only place to be is at the
Annual Sleaze Ball, which is being held at
the Old Adelaide Gaol (jail!) on Saturday,
Aug. 13, by the Southern Region MC. Kym
Whittington will be there and a lot of hot
Aussies from Sydney and Melbourne, too.
Get your tickets from Edinburgh Castle,
Beans Bar, Imprints or the Adelaide Gay
Times.

Leather Pride Week continues in Portland, Ore., with Mr./Ms. NLA Portland Contest, beer bust at PDX-Eagle, a picnic on Saturday, Leather Dance Saturday night, workshops, barbecue, Oregon State Leatherman/woman contest at Darcelle XV and scads of fun. Call (800) 727-3148 for more details.

Friday, Aug. 12

Mr. Furry Man Patrick Fitzpatrick and Philip Turner present Mr./Ms. Leather Pride contest at the Eagle – with a beer/soda bust from 2000 to 2300 for \$7, 50/50 raffle and signed by Jay Wilson. A benefit for the AEF and Lyon Martin Clinic. Waterproof Souls will entertain.

Saturday, Aug. 13

Pegasus MOC embarks on their nine-day "fron Butt" bike run to Vancouver, B.C., until Aug. 21. Call Bob Smith at (408) 973-0257 to see if there's any room for your hard thing.

Sunday, Aug. 14

SF GDIs Mid-Summer Madness beer bust at the Eagle from 1500 to 1800 for \$8. No other info furnished.

other Info furnished.
California B&B Boot Camp party at
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Freeman, reeeaal nice.

Monday, Aug. 15

Deadline to register for Second Pacific Coast Women's Motorcycle Festival on Sept. 9-12 in Boulder Creek, Calif. Write P.O. Box 423717, SF, CA 94102 or call (415) 905-4511.

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The wonderful Swallow on Polk Street has

The wonderful Swallow on Polk Street has done it again. Employing a team of 40, the Swallow managed to raise nearly \$21,000.00 at the recent AIDS Walk. And for the third consecutive year they placed first in the small corporation category. That brings the five year grand total of monies raised to \$90,000.00. If d like to send out a hearty thank you to all who participated, especially Ms. Linda Miller of our Pine Street Post Office who singlehandedly raised almost \$6000,00!!!

In other news, \$1 raffle tickets for a large sheet of framed \$1 bills go on sale starting August 8th. Proceeds benefit "Marty's Place," an AIDS shelter for the homeless. Watch for the dates to be posted in your favorite watering hole.

NEWS FLASH: On Saturday the 20th in Kimo's Penthouse Showroom there will be a special show celebrating Kimo's 17th Anniversary. Yes, for the first time in seven years Kimo (helped by a cast of dozens) will perform his famous

by a cast of dozens) will perform his famous "Flame Dance." If you've never seen this thrilling piece of choreography be sure to make your reservations early. Naturally, I'll be there, sitting near the fire escape – only kidding Kimo. Actually I'll be down in front so as not to miss a single thing. The Gangway has a great new bartender named Erik. He's from Hawaii and makes the most faaaaaabulous Leis. He works Thursday thru Saturday, 10 a.m. till 6 p.m., and Monday and Tuesday from 6 p.m. till 2 a.m. His flower leis are spectacular, and if you want to get one for Kimo's party call him in advance at the Gangway. I promise you won't be disappointed. Of course you can always stop in and have a drink with him at the Gangway while ordering your lei. It's never too late for a good stiff one. Bottoms Up!

Cowgirl Joey is planning a party at the Bear on Castro Street for Saturday the 20th from 3 p.m. till 6 p.m. Joey is quite possibly a candidate for Grand Duchess. Good luck Joey, Ya know, I can remember way back when I was Ms. Cowgirl #2. What fun that was!!! Thought I'd never recover.

The third annual Gate Restaurant Sidewalk Sale will be held on Saturday and Sunday the 27th and

The third annual Gate Restaurant Sidewalk Sale will be held on Saturday and Sunday the 27th and 28th from 9 a.m. till 6 p.m. The address, in case you've forgotten, is 1093 Pine Street at Jones. The Gate is the place where in 1987 the "Every Penny Counts" sale was started by the late Fred Skau and David Slocum. Donations will be accepted for the sale. Please come, one and all.

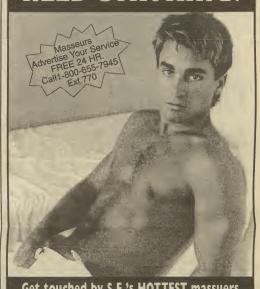
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Birthday greetings go out to Kenny Allison of the Kokpit and to Greta Grass of Company, both on Monday the 15th.

On Monday the 13th. Sunday the 13th is the last shift for Larry at the Cinch. He works from 6 a.m. till noon. Let's all get down there to wish him a fond farewell. We love 'ya honey! ▼



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The Beat Goes On

On Butch Women edited by Lily Burana, Roxxie, Linnea Due; Cleis, \$14.95

Dagger, 1 should offer a disclaimer, or several. I did not greet the re-emergence of butch/femme with glad cries. It seemed to me that butch/femme was completely identified with lesbian essentialism; all the talk about the naturalness of butch/femme gave me a severe case of the willies. That butch/femme in its current incarnation also seemed to be inextricably tied (no pun intended) to sado masochism was just another reason to run screaming into the night. My main reason for reading *Dagger* was curiosity. I also wondered if I had such a down on butch/femme because I didn't understand it.

Having read *Dagger*, a collection of photographs, essays, comics, interviews, and poetry, I can now say that I did not misunderstand butch/femme, and

I'm more certain than ever that a retreat to this behavretreat to this behav-ior, and especially to the ideology that supports it, is a big mistake for les-bians. What else can it be when women warn women warn that "You're not going to get a quality woman and keep her

unless you can access your unless you can access your emotional vulnerability." Surely the need to get a woman and keep her, with all the ownership and with all the ownership and power tripping implied therein, is not what we are battling for.

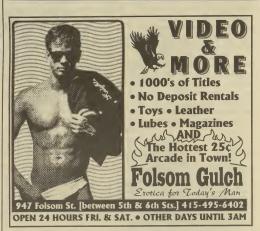
But, maybe I'm wrong. I'm certainly not in the mainstream

on this question. It is clear that the butch thang has enthralled a lot of lesbians, and the collected writings in *Dagger* speak to that fascination. The pieces range from butch-lite to dyke daddies, with all manner of manifestations in between; just to

between; just to round things out, a few femmes offer their views on the delights of loving their views on the delights of loving butches. The writing is good, the photography stunning. I suspect that Dagger will be enjoyed by lots of women who are in the butch/femme life, and provide validation for and provide validation for

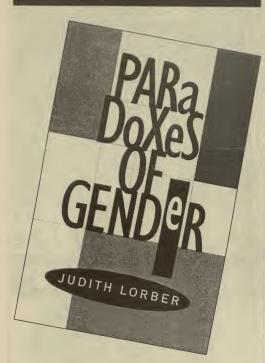
and provide validation for those women who don't quite know what to think about those feelings they have. For the rest of us, we can only wonder how things got so far off track, and resolve to work harder in the future.

-Deborah Peifer





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The World According to Lorber

Paradoxes of Gender by Judith Lorber; Yale, \$30

One of the things I love about book reviewing is that I get a chance to read books I might otherwise never see. Of course, one of the things I hate about book reviewing is that I get a chance to read books I might otherwise never see. Judith Lorber's is definitely of

Judith Lorber's is definitely of the former category,
Paradoxes of Gender is an intense but accessible exploration of the idea of gender as a social construct. Lorber is both a sociologist and a feminist, and she brings a scientific area as she brings a scientific eye as well as personal passion to the subject.

As the question of identity politics becomes more and more becomes more and more prob-lematic. Who decides what we are? Can we separate nature from nurture? Indeed, is there such an entity as a wholly natural creature?

Lorber offers "a new paradigm of gender – gender as a social institution... For example, despite the evidence that despite the evidence that women and men are more similar than different, the institution of gender continues to maintain socially significant differences between women and men... The point of these differences is to

point of these differences is to justify the exploitation of an identifiable group – women."

Using real-world examples (her analysis of the politics of "social bodies and the bathroom problem" is particularly astute) and language that is both past. and language that is both passionate and articulate, Lorber looks at the ordinary world in extraordinary ways. *Paradoxes of Gender* is an important book, one that seeks nothing less than a revolution in our ways of thinking about gender. This is the book I hope we'll all be reading at the barricades.

by Deborah Peifer





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Affirmation: The AIDS Odyssey of Dr. Peter by Daniel Gawthrop; New Star Books, \$12

by Marv. Shaw

There are many ways to come out of the closet. Some people trumpet their sexual status to the their sexual status to the world, while others whisper it only to friends. For Dr. Peter Jepson-Young, his coming out was a straight-forward asser-tion of two vital, inter-related facts, about related facts about himself – that he was gay and a PWA. And when he did come out he did it on a special seg-ment of an evening television news cast seen by some 150,000 viewers on the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's

September of 1990. huge audiwere father and mother not known

Vancouver sta-

tion

Daniel Gawthrop that their son was gay or that he had had an incurable disease. To Bob and Shirley Young's great credit, their love overcame their shock, and they became their son's most devoted supporters.
As "Dr. Peter," Young quickly commanded the

STAR

attention of a mass audience in his new role as an ingratiating, authoritative public educator. His "AIDS Diary" series quickly outgrew its original five parts to run a total of 111. The show ran more

than two years until the young doctor's death In Affirmation: the AIDS Odyssey of Dr. Peter, Daniel Gawthrop chronicles this astonishing career with meticulous care, providing a complete account not only of Peter's early life, but his later years, which were marked by his struggle with AIDS. Commendably, he also includes episodes that reveal his subjects more human side. For instance, in the late 1980's after

ffirmation

testing posi-tive for HIV, Peter had sex with partner ithout informing him of his health status.

Lapses notwithstanding, Dr. Peter's character comes across as an amalgam candor, stamina and unwavering

and unwavering dedication.
But the essence of the man is expressed most emphatically in an affirmation Peter wrote in the spring wrote in the spring of 1987 while facing the reality of AIDS. In his statement, he allied himself with the vital elements of the earth. He concluded with these lines: "I

believe God to be all these elements, and the force that unites them. / And from these elements I have come and to these elements I shall return. / But the energy that is me will not be lost."

Gawthrop could not have chosen a more appropriate title for his book. ▼

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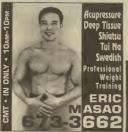
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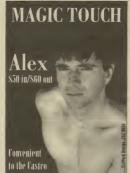
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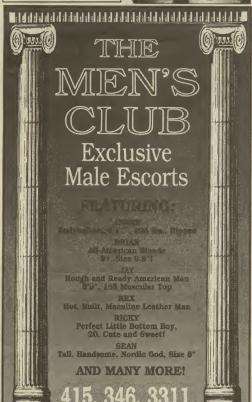
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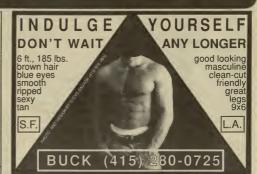
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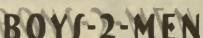
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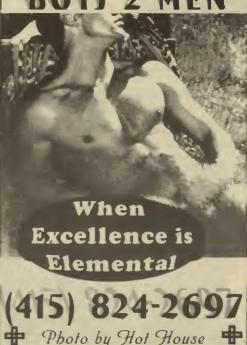
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